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Asiana flight cut to cost NMI \$55M

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Asiana Airlines' decision to reduce its flights to the CNMI to only once a day is projected to hamstring the CNMI tourism industry, with Marianas Visitors Authority executive director Perry Tenorio saying it will likely cost the local economy \$55 million.



Tenorio

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Ex-Rota mayor Mendiola surrenders

Former Rota mayor Melchor A. Mendiola voluntarily surrendered to the Department of Corrections on Tuesday morning and was released after his wife posted a \$10,000 cash bail, according to attorney Joaquin Torres yesterday.

Torres said Mendiola was booked at Corrections but was not detained because the

former mayor's wife, Estrella, posted bail.

Torres accompanied Estrella when she posted bail.

The lawyer said he has no information as to when Mendiola arrived on Saipan from the U.S. mainland.

Torres said his client has been charged with criminal violations

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Navy: Mass wasting of FDM mostly due to weather

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Responding to federal and local concerns about the mass wasting of Farallon de Medinilla due to bombing, the U.S. Navy maintains this is largely

due to typhoon and weather disturbances.

The Coastal Resources Management Office, now under the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the Environmental Protection Agency in 2013 wrote

their concerns over the effect of bombing on the island's mass wasting, and effect on near shore environment.

In their response to these comments, the Navy says they have provided this information in their final environmental im-

pact statement for the Marianas Islands Training and Testing study area.

According to BECQ, satellite imagery and oblique photographs show significant changes to the morphology of FDM. The images make apparent

mass wasting along the island's eastern cliff lines, mass wasting on its land bridge on eastern side, and a recent sea cave collapse.

"The total loss of land mass on FDM since bombing commenced must be presented," the

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Northern Marianas College graduates celebrate their baccalaureate Mass on Wednesday, May 20. The community is invited to the 35th NMC Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at 4:30pm at the Marianas High School Gymnasium, where NMC will be conferring approximately 180 associate and bachelor's degrees.

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Kilili mum on casino; says CNMI should focus on tourism

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said the decision of CNMI lawmakers to issue an exclusive casino license to Best Sunshine International, Ltd. is a "local" issue.

Asked on the recent developments on Saipan, particularly a casino that will rise in Garapan, Sablan said he "has no opinion" on the matter.

"I understand that they have issued a license to Best Sunshine. That is a local issue. I have no opinion [on this] one way or another. Personally, I have, but that's personal," Sa-

blan said in an interview.

The delegate was on the island last week.

A review of *Saipan Tribune* archives shows that when moves to legalize casino gaming via an initiative were being made in 2012, Sablan reportedly gave his "guarded support" for the initiative.

He also earlier recommended that each casino license holder be required to bring in an additional 200,000 tourists—including of the gamblers and their families and friends—every year as a condition of renewing their annual license the following year, along with ensuring they pay their taxes.

Sablan also earlier said he is not opposed to Saipan casino gambling if it's properly planned and envisioned.

CNMI tourism

When asked about economic developments on the island in general, Sablan said the CNMI should continue to focus on getting more tourists.

Sablan said while the CNMI continues to benefit from a parole program allowing Chinese tourists to visit the CNMI without a U.S. visa, there is a need to "re-establish a connection with Japan."

Sablan said he "cannot figure out exactly why Japanese tourists go by the hundreds of thou-

sands to Guam," and not in the CNMI "where we also have the sun and the sea to offer."

He urged government agencies to find the reason for the decline in the number of tourists from Japan, and downplayed the concern over the lack of flights.

"Flights will not come here if there are no passengers. We need to build the demand," Sablan said, adding that the CNMI is "losing the Japanese market."

Sablan acknowledged that a stronger dollar versus the yen has also something to do with the decline, adding that it is "a multitude of reasons."

"We need to find out what the

issues are," he said.

Reduced number of flights

Even as the Japanese market continues to go down, Delta Air Lines will further reduce its flights to Saipan this winter.

In a statement from its corporate communications office, Delta said that since six B747-400s will be retired by the end of 2015, their overall seat capacity on the resort markets next year would be reduced.

Delta said they will also reduce frequencies on the flights to Honolulu and Saipan during

the winter due to "continued yen devaluation and average fare decline with lower fuel surcharge."

Flights to Guam and Palau remain unchanged, the airline said.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority's latest arrival numbers, March saw a 51-percent decrease in air seat supply from Japan to the CNMI. Japan arrivals fell 34 percent to 8,808 visitors.

MVA said seasonal suspension by Asiana Airlines of its flights from Osaka to the CNMI for January to March impacted the Japan market heavily.

Humane Society Int'l, lawmakers talk of creating animal cruelty laws

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Officials of the Humane Society of the United States in Hawaii met with members of the Legislature last Tuesday on Capital Hill to discuss the creation of animal cruelty laws in the CNMI.

Inga Gibson, HSUS Hawaii senior state director and Pacific Islands policy coordinator, said she had met with Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) and commended him and his colleagues for recognizing that animal cruelty laws are needed.

"It is important that the public understands that those who have a history of abusing animals may move on to abusing people. They need to be held accountable for their actions," Gibson said.

This comes in the wake of a *Saipan Tribune* article last month that reported the circulation of a disturbing animal cruelty video that reportedly occurred on Saipan. Guam resident Aguarin Iriarte initially emailed the video to the newspaper.

Gibson said her meeting with Propst and other lawmakers revolved around House Bill 19-55, which seeks to prohibit cruelty and theft of animals and to provide penalties for such acts and for other purposes.

In a separate interview, Propst said the meeting with HSUS centered on making some amendments to the bill that was introduced last month.

US demonstrates amphibious skills

BELLOWS AIR FORCE STATION, Hawaii (AP)—U.S. Marines and sailors are demonstrating for military leaders from around the Pacific how to land troops on a beach.

Military officers from 23 nations are learning about developing amphibious skills at the inaugural U.S. Pacific Command Amphibious Leaders Symposium in Hawaii.

On Tuesday, they watched U.S. Marines and sailors who are participating in an exercise called Culebra Koa 2015

"We met and talked about making some amendments to the proposed bill and it will be presented in the Natural Resource Committee," Propst said.

Gibson said that like HB 19-55, HSUS advocates similar measures that center around basic care standards for animals, preventing people from abandoning them, and other related matters on animal cruelty.

"Animal issues are people issues too. We definitely need to strengthen Saipan's animal cruelty laws. There is no question that Saipan's laws are really the weakest in the nation and the territories. Even Guam has significant animal cruelty laws. In the books for those kinds of act would cause felony on animal cruelty," she said.

"Also, we discussed the matter of having a full-time veterinarian that can provide affordable services to the community such as spay, neuter, and zeuterin programs we're offering here. We recognize that it was something that was needed here despite the clinic happening now, and the future clinics that Animal Balance will be doing in the next four years. They need a vet in between these times," she added.

HSUS is inviting the public to contact their lawmakers and support HB 19-55 and attend the committee hearing on the bill.

There isn't any date or time yet for the committee hearing on HB 19-55.

come ashore at Bellows Air Force Station.

U.S. treaty allies Japan and the Philippines are attending the symposium along with U.S. partners like Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam.

Organizers say they aim to discuss how the militaries could develop amphibious capabilities and operate together.

The first-of-its kind symposium comes as territorial disputes over islands are growing more heated in the Asia-Pacific region.



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Proposal urges govt agencies to give 5 pct. to CUC

Several government agencies are being urged to direct 5 percent of their budget allocation for fiscal year 2016 as payment for their obligations to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The proposal letter, signed by Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) and dated May 20, was sent via email to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Home-

land Security and Emergency Management, and the Public School System.

"The Senate Standing Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication is considering a proposal that would mandate up to 5 percent of the allocated budget to your respective office as payment for the outstanding accounts due to the CUC," Igisomar's letter said. Igisomar

chairs the committee.

Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, was also notified regarding the letter's intent.

Igisomar said the 5 percent proposal is a way to help CUC out of its financial distress.

He cited that "while we are requesting the input and feedback from departments in our proposal to 'force-pay' CUC

out of their requested budget, so as to assist CUC with its present uncontrollable outstanding accounts receivable to the CNMI government that continues to affect its financial condition and its cash flows," his office is working with CUC on a detailed report for the departments.

The letter further cited CUC's recent announcements of "potential load shedding and rolling blackouts" as an alternative option to their current financial problems due to nonpayment of utilities by the government.

"It is imperative as legislators that we consider any means possible to try and alleviate any additional financial and emotional burden to our community due

to the negligence of the government," Igisomar's letter said.

Although the proposed 5 percent allocation "may not be sufficient to cover the deficit of the CNMI government, some amount of payment to the CUC is a better alternative than the unfair alternative that is being considered as a result of the continued nonpayment by the government," Igisomar said.

The senator is also soliciting the departments' regarding the proposal and is urging them to coordinate with his committee.

The lawmaker said he would like to hear from the departments on what their plans are or what the departments intend to do to cover the associated costs

of their CUC current monthly billing and outstanding billings, if there are any.

He would also like to know the steps that the departments have taken to minimize the amount of utility usage without affecting operations, and steps the departments have taken when it comes to alternative energy.

Igisomar is asking each department to provide the information by June 1. (*Joel D. Pinaroc*)

Manibusan: Increasing prices after a typhoon is illegal

It is illegal to increase prices after a typhoon, Attorney General Edward Manibusan said yesterday.

Manibusan, however, stated that he did not receive any information about stores increasing the prices of their commodities in the wake of Typhoon Dolphin.

Some people have expressed concern in social media about alleged increases in the price of butane gas in some stores after

the typhoon.

Manibusan cited CMC 5105 subsection X and Y, which identifies certain unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce that are declared to be unlawful.

Subsection X refers to increasing the cost of merchandise that has been previously been placed into the stream of commerce by having been of-

fered to the public for sale at a specific price, indicated by the price tag or marking placed on the goods.

Subsection Y refers to increasing the price of goods, solely on the basis of a shortage of supply caused by natural disaster or any other emergency situation.

There was no mention about penalties for violating this law. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

11 loans out so far from SSBCI program

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The Commonwealth Development Authority disclosed yesterday that 11 loans totaling some \$2.17 million have been approved to date for the State Small Business Credit Initiative.

According to CDA loan manager Oscar Camacho, these 11 loans have all been approved to date.

The U.S. Treasury has divided into three tranches the \$13.2 million allocated for the CNMI's SSBCI program. Eighty percent

of the first \$4 million batch of funds was targeted to be spent by June this year.

"...We are at 29 percent of SSBCI support from the first tranche," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI had until June to deploy 80 percent of its initial disbursement by the U.S. Treasury. Otherwise, the entire \$13.2 million for the CNMI might not be available.

However, Office of the Governor press secretary Ivan Blanco disclosed this week that the U.S. Treasury has agreed to extend or

to qualify the CNMI to go for the second tranche even if the CNMI did not meet this 80 percent mark.

According to Camacho, City Trust Bank and Bank of Guam are the only two banks active in the program.

"Those two banks are the ones that have already deployed some loans," he said.

Other participants are the Bank of Federated States of Micronesia, Bridge Capital LLC, and Independence Bank.

City Trust Bank and Bank of Guam deferred to CDA when asked for more information.

CUC board looks to discuss Fletcher's contract further

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors aims to discuss personnel actions and the expiration of executive director Alan Fletcher's contract on Friday.

Fletcher's contract expires on July 14. The board and Fletcher have mutually agreed to part ways before this date.

Meanwhile, the board has appointed members to two different working committees.

According to a CUC board memorandum, board member Albert A. Taitano has appointed Eric San Nicolas as vice chairman, and Christopher Concep-

cion, Joseph T. Torres, and Adelina Roberto as members of the "Personnel Committee."

"The Personnel Committee will meet on Friday...to discuss and review personnel actions and the status of the expiration of the executive director's employment contract," said committee chair Taitano in the memorandum.

Meanwhile, Joseph Torres, as chairman of the Operations Committee, has named Roberto as vice chairwoman. Concepcion, San Nicolas, and Taitano serve as members.

The scheduled meeting on Friday is set one week after it

was reported that Fletcher was leaving his post as CUC executive director.

Fletcher, who has occupied CUC's top post since 2013, disclosed last week that his official last day is on July 14 but that he would be taking vacation leaves prior to that date.

CUC board chair Roberto earlier disclosed this decision was made by the board last week. Fletcher says a decision was not voted on in an open session.

Right now, CUC's acting executive director is Matthew Yaquinto. Fletcher is on leave from today to May 25. (*Dennis B. Chan*)

Nenpou Shinkyo to hold peace ceremony at Banzai Cliff

Nenpou Shinkyo Buddhist Denomination will be holding a peace ceremony at Banzai Cliff in Marpi this month.

To prepare the site for the service, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said the Saipan Mayor's Office will be conducting a cleanup before the peace ceremony.

About a 150 members of the Nenpou Shinkyo Buddhist Denomination will mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. The Peace Memorial service is set for Saturday and Sunday with the unveiling of

two monuments in Marpi.

"We will be helping in the cleanup for our guests because they come every year honoring the dead and hold peace ceremonies. I encourage those who can help to come out and join us at Marpi," Apatang said.

This will be the biggest number yet since 2009 when 200 Buddhists flew to Saipan to take part in the ceremony. However, due to the limited space for flights from Japan, not a lot of them will be joining this year.

The Nenpou Shinkyo Bud-

dhist Denomination, which has about 88 shrines all over Japan, used to send hundreds of guests to this event to pray for all who perished during World War II.

This is the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the Nenpou Shinkyo Buddhist Denomination.

Apatang also noted that the Nenpou Shinkyo Buddhist will be performing at the Taste of the Marianas this Saturday where they traditionally perform Ryukyu dances from Japan. (*Jayson Camacho*)



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DLNR continues to study draft EIS, says Seman

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REPORTER

The Department of Land and Natural Resources will continue to conduct its own review of the draft environmental impact statement on proposed "live-fire" exercises in the CNMI.

According to DLNR Secretary Richard Seman, the review, however, will only involve the areas that the DLNR covers, including flora and fauna.

"We have our own division, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, tasked to look into the draft EIS," Seman said, adding that

one major area that the division is looking into is the protection of endangered species.

Seman said DLNR is open to collaboration with other agencies conducting their respective draft EIS reviews. "In fact, we are closely working with [Northern Islands] Mayor

Jerome Aldan on the draft EIS review," he said.

He added that DLNR is also providing its own resources and expertise to Aldan, whenever Aldan needs them.

Pagan, one of the islands indicated in the draft EIS to be used as a bombing target, is part of

the Northern Islands.

Priorities

The department's proposed budget for fiscal year is \$2 million. DLNR presented its budget in a hearing on Wednesday at the Legislature.

Seman said his department will prioritize two areas—personnel and programs—once the budget is approved.

He said one of the priorities is to "promote" a number of trainees in the department who have been in their positions for

10 years now.

In terms of programs, Seman said there will be two programs for DLNR to focus on: agriculture and fisheries.

Seman said the DLNR is anticipating a growth in the CNMI's tourism industry in "three to four years" when all the hotels will go "online."

"We need to prepare farmers, scale up production. We anticipate these hotels to purchase from local sources, so there is a need to scale up the production," Seman said.

Yumul to MVA: Give balanced focus on dwindling source markets

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REPORTER

For Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), the CNMI should be "open-minded" to the U.S. military's plans, considering that the federal government has considerable control particularly on tourism.

The lawmaker, a member of the House minority bloc, said the federal government has always monitored tourism in the CNMI and that it can "easily control the number of tourists coming in, particularly Chinese tourists."

Yumul made the comments during the House budget hear-

ing for the Marianas Visitors Authority.

He also recommended that MVA focus its efforts—and funding—to dwindling source markets such as Japan.

Yumul stressed that this is his main concern, and that the MVA should be ready and put more efforts on Japanese and Korean tourists who do not have many travel restrictions.

"What I'm trying to say is, I would prefer the MVA to put money in other markets," he said.

He added that leaning too much toward the Chinese market could send the wrong signals to the Department of Defense.

Currently, Chinese tourists

enter the CNMI via a parole arrangement, allowing them to travel to the CNMI without a U.S. visa. Japanese and Korean tourists do not have the same restrictions.

Yumul emphasized that while he does not totally support proposals on live-fire military training, the CNMI still needs to "be more open" and be willing to listen and not just give a straight "no."

Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan), meanwhile, said there is a need for the MVA to gather more data on Japan. He particularly mentioned that the MVA should do a study on the preferences of the younger

generation of Japanese tourists, who seem to come to the CNMI once but never return.

"This is unlike years ago, when a Japanese tourist and his family often goes back to the CNMI year after year. There used to be generations of Japanese families going back to the islands," Sablan said.

Sablan said the MVA should gather statistics and find out why younger Japanese do not return to the CNMI as often as their older counterparts did.

MVA representatives attending the hearing, headed by MVA managing director Perry Tenorio, said the agency will study the lawmakers' comments.



ISLAND GUESTS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

On April 29, 2015, Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, center right, along with first lady Connie Manglona-Villagomez, third, second row right, welcomes Baba B, center, and band members Bruddah Waltah, fourth rear left, Kauanoe, second front right, and Joe McCarrel, third rear right, in the Tinian Mayor's Office conference room.

ASIANA

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Yonhap News earlier reported that Asiana will be reducing flights to the CNMI to address a plane shortfall caused by the recent incident to its Hiroshima route.

"We're in contact with Asiana and, unfortunately, they are utilizing the plane for other services. For now, we're talking to our Korea office and hopefully they will reinstate the service sooner than later," Tenorio said.

For the balance of the fiscal year, Tenorio said the Korea market will be looking at a reduction of 31,250 seats to the CNMI beginning May 28 to the end of September. This is a decrease of 26,724 persons.

MVA's projected revenue for the tourism industry was \$1.22 billion as of March 2015. With the loss of \$55 million, this will go down to \$1.17 billion, a 4.6-percent reduction.

Korea to remain strong

Tenorio assured, though, that MVA still projects the Korean market to remain as the largest source country this fiscal year and they project visitor arrivals to rise 7 percent from last fiscal year.

Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported earlier that this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 87.78 percent, about 1 percent higher than last year. However, average room rates have increased by 8 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year.

Korea's arrivals as of March 2015 soared by 40 percent to 14,989 visitors.

Newer flights, reduction

In a separate interview yesterday, Sung Nam Park, regional manager for Asiana Airlines Saipan Regional Office, confirmed the reduced number of flights starting May 28, with only night flights arriving on Saipan.

"We are now operating two flights and on May 28 it will

be one. The decision was done by corporate and an internal decision was made. Once better marketing decision is done, it will be back to normal," Park said.

Two flights arrive from Korea each day, one at night and the other during the day. The Airbus 330 aircraft provides 290 seats, according to Park.

"Soon as our marketing operation is okay and our configuration we will have our Boeing 747 operation four times a week. This will be for our night flights in June 13 operating," Park said.

Despite the reduction, a Boeing 747 aircraft will have flights four times a week at night.

"We don't know exactly as to when will we double the flights again but as soon as we have a little better knowledge on the situation, we will be ready to come back again," he said.

Park assured that Asiana would still provide the same volume of the demand.

"We have been flying here

more than 10 years as a premium airline to this island and we will never forget to serve the CNMI. We are always looking for opportunity to provide better service and safety under Asiana and appreciate the people's support to our airlines," he said.

Other reasons

In a separate interview, Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said he knows the issue why Asiana is pulling one flight out in the CNMI.

"They needed one aircraft for Hiroshima and apparently the marketing here is not as 'solid' as other areas and they needed the aircraft. The easy way out is pull one flight out of here to accommodate until such time they clear the suspension," Guerrero said.

"I hope though that they can pull through and come back again," he added.

Saipan Tribune learned that Asiana resumed its Hiroshima flights last April 30.

EX-ROTA

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and that they are going to get the file from the Office of the Attorney General and go through it.

He said arraignment will be on June 7 on Rota.

"Right now, he is still innocent until proven guilty," Torres said.

An investigator said yesterday that the arrest warrant issued by Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman last April 7 was served on Mendiola at DOC on Tuesday at 11am.

The investigator, who requested not to be identified, said the Office of the Attorney General called the Office of the Public Auditor that Mendiola was "coming in" and on his way to DOC.

OPA personnel then proceeded to DOC, where they served the arrest warrant on Mendiola.

The investigator wondered how Mendiola was able to enter the CNMI considering that OPA provided U.S. Customs and Border Protection with a copy of the arrest warrant.

Authorities failed to serve Mendiola with the arrest war-

rant after it was issued as the former mayor was in the U.S. mainland.

According to court papers, OPA charged Mendiola with theft, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, possession or removal of government property, conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and misconduct in public office.

Members of the CNMI Public Corruption and White Collar Crimes Task Force arrested last month several of Mendiola's co-defendants, mostly former Rota municipal officials.

Sources said OPA initiated the investigation after receiving in February a letter from Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig, asking it to look into the former mayor's "questionable transactions."

Atalig allegedly discovered that government properties such as computer, laptops, folding tables, a typewriter, and other items were unaccounted for or missing.

Mendiola allegedly admitted to investigators that nine party tables were purchased using government funds and that he brought the tables to his house.

The tables were reportedly valued at \$1,590. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

NAVY

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bureau wrote.

To these concerns, the Navy pointed to dive surveys conducted since 1999 and a 2004 report concluding that although some damage could be directly attributed to ordnance impacts, "natural factors also contribute to the changes."

"Examination of photographs from 1944 indicates that changes in the geological structure of the island by erosion and mass wasting...have been going on for decades," the Navy writes.

According to the Navy, the dive surveys in 2004 were completed shortly after Typhoon Ting Ting, which passed through the Marianas in June and gave the opportunity to observe damage to the island and near shore environment of FDM.

According to the Navy, the dive studies show that from 2006 to 2012, there were "no visual evidence of abnormalities, damaged, or diseased coral" at FDM.

Also, no new submerged cliff blocks were observed between

2005 and 2013. Small- to medium-sized fresh rock fragments were observed yearly and were attributed to detonation impacts.

In 2007, "the first clear indication" of a detonation of a bomb on the seafloor was observed. The impact area was measured to be 100 square feet. The Navy says that in the next year, the impact area supported new growth of stony corals and algae.

The Navy also notes that the vast majority of unexploded ordnance observed in the water lacked fins and tail assemblies. According to the Navy, this indicates that the ordnance either skipped or ricocheted off of the island or were eroded or washed off FDM.

"Based on these direct observations of damage off the coast of FDM, the majority of disturbances to the seafloor sediments, substrates, and mass wasting of FDM can be attributed to typhoons and storm surges. Further, damage attributed to military training recovered within two to three years at the same rate of damage associated with natural phenomenon," the Navy writes.

UNTIL RESULTS OF FORENSIC MICROSCOPIC ANALYSIS SAY OTHERWISE:

DPS not classifying Jack's death a homicide yet

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety is not classifying the death of 18-year-old Traina Suda Jack as a homicide until the forensic microscopic analysis tell investigators other-

wise, according to DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero yesterday.

Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that Guam chief medical examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola conducted the forensic microscopic examination and that the results

have not come out yet.

"Please note, however, that this case is being investigated with the same level of attention as the DPS Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation would if it were to be classified as [a homicide]," the commissioner said.

Espinola's autopsy did not

reveal any type of identifiable trauma on the bones such as fracture, stab, or gunshot. He stated that further microscopic analysis on bone fragments from the skull is needed to determine the cause of death.

Espinola positively identified the remains as that of

Jack's, using a photograph that showed her dental features.

As to the family's statements that police did not pay much attention to Jack's disappearance when they reported



the matter last year, Deleon Guerrero said there was "a vigorous pursuit" on the part of DPS detectives to retrace the steps of the deceased when this incident was initially reported. That pursuit, Deleon Guerrero said, continues to this day.

The commissioner said there were also anonymous

tips that they immediately followed up on, to no avail. "We are continuing this investigation as with all other death and missing person cases," he added.

Jack was last seen walking in San Antonio on Oct. 22, 2014. Her mother filed an official missing person's complaint on Oct. 26, 2014.

A cattle manager saw the remains in the jungle about 15 feet from the shoulder of the road across the Torres farm near Obyan Beach last May 11.

The family and relatives believe that Jack was murdered.

Animal Balance is encouraging Saipan residents to adopt a dog

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REPORTER

International animal advocate Animal Balance is encouraging Saipan residents to adopt a dog at the Saipan Mayor's Office Animal Shelter in Lower Base.

Residents who want to adopt a dog may visit the Animal Shelter this Friday and Saturday between 8am and 5pm. Twenty dogs are available for adoption.

There is a \$25 adoption fee that includes a dog license, spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, de-worming and flea and tick

treatment.

"We want to invite the public to come to the shelter and meet the amazing and beautiful dogs that are available for adoption. They will already be sterilized and have an internal and external parasite treatment," said Emma Clifford, founder and director of Animal Balance.

The Animal Shelter currently has more than 50 dogs of different shapes, sizes, and breeds. Majority of the dogs that are up for adoption were strays, abandoned, or surrendered dogs that have been kept at the shelter.



ANIMAL BALANCE

One of two puppies that the Saipan Mayor's Office Animal Shelter has for adoption. Twenty dogs are available for adoption this Friday and Saturday from 8am to 5pm at the Animal Shelter in Lower Base.

\$100K bail for suspected 'ice' trafficker

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman yesterday imposed a \$100,000 cash bail on suspected methamphetamine trafficker Joshua Sablan Diaz.

Wiseman maintained the \$100,000 cash bail originally imposed on Diaz, saying the suspect was one of eight persons arrested during separate operations for drug charges and that he allegedly eluded arrest.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Diaz. Preliminary hearing will be on May 28 at 9am.

Diaz surrendered to police on Tuesday morning after the Department of Public Safety sought the public's assistance in finding him.

Police detective Jeffrey I.

Norita stated in his report that their "cooperating source" managed to buy \$50 worth of "ice" from Diaz, who was in a vehicle with another person, in the parking lot of Dolphin's Wholesale in San Jose last March 17.

Norita said the same "cooperating source" also managed to purchase \$100 more worth of "ice" from Diaz, who was in a vehicle with another man, in the parking lot of Garage Sale in San Jose last March 18.

Norita said the "cooperating source" again bought \$50 worth of "ice" from Diaz last April 9.

Norita said details of the investigation in the third purchase are incorporated in the affidavit prepared by another police detective for the arrest of another suspected "ice" trafficker. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Dandan to create new Neighborhood Watch program

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REPORTER

The village of Dandan is planning to create a new Neighborhood Watch program to better secure its community.

According to Rep. Edwin Propst, they have taken the first step to start the program by signing up people who want to volunteer.

"The Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer," said Propst.

He said there used to be a Neighborhood Watch program in Dandan but it has been inactive for a while. It also used to

focus on cleanups. This time, they will focus on security as burglary is one of the main concerns of residents.

Over 60 people attended their meeting last week, 36 of whom signed up and will be part of the core group of volunteers who will help develop the program.

Although the framework is not set yet, one of the things they are planning is to have one captain per block of the village to guard and take charge of its area.

"The next step would be to hold a follow-up meeting to formalize the creation of the Dandan Neighborhood Watch Program. Once we do this, we are excited to see the community members take ownership of the program," said Rep. Angel De-



Propst



Dandan Village residents listen and discuss the concerns of their community at a meeting headed by members of the Legislature and agency officials last week. They are planning to establish a new Neighborhood Watch program to ensure security in their area. Photo contributed photo by Rep. Edwin Propst.

mapan, who also attended the meeting with Dandan residents.

House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rep. Roman Benavente, Sen. Arnold Palacios and Sen. Sixto Igisomar were also present at the meeting.

Other officials include DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Commissioner Clyde Norita, Customs Director Jose Mafnas, and Public Health Emergency

Preparedness director Warren Villagomez, among others.

According to Propst, they will only serve as support for the program to take off but will eventually leave it to the neighborhood to run, noting that members of the Legislature come and go.

"There must be continuity, that's why there can be no politics in the Neighborhood Watch

program," he said.

Propst said they will also hold community meetings and help set up Neighborhood Watch programs for other villages in Precinct 1, including San Vicente, Koblerville, and San Antonio.

"It's hard to do a watch in all of Saipan at once. We have to do it one village at a time," he added.

Ex-convict with crowbar, hammer allegedly attacks man

An ex-convict, armed with a crowbar and a hammer, allegedly assaulted a man at the latter's house along Florist Street in Dandan on Tuesday morning.

Robert Ngiramengior, 50, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash yesterday. Preliminary hearing will be on May 28 at 9am.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman learned that the defendant has pending bench warrants for not

showing up in court in his traffic case and small claims.

Wiseman retained the \$100 cash bail in the small claims but quashed the warrant in the traffic case.

The Office of the Adult Probation also moved to revoke Ngiramengior's probation for allegedly failing to comply with some conditions in a prior criminal conviction.

Wiseman set the arraignment in the revocation case for June 3 at 9am. The hearing on the small claims will be on June 1

at 1:30pm, while the traffic case will be on June 3 at 9am.

Police detective Nicholas Rabauliman stated in his report that a police officer responded to a house in Dandan, where a disturbance was reported on Tuesday at 5:14am.

When Rabauliman arrived at the house, a woman directed him to the back of the house, where Ngiramengior was lying face down on the ground on top of a tin sheet.

The officer noticed that Ngiramengior was bleeding and was covering his face with his arms. Medics arrived and brought Ngiramengior to the Commonwealth Health Center for treatment. After being treated, he was arrested.

One of the men in the house, Ernie M. Dejillas, told the officer that Ngiramengior had come to his house and argued with his sister for about 15 minutes.

Dejillas said he then heard someone on the top of his house's roof and when he checked, he saw the suspect trying to pull out the nails from the tin roof.

When Dejillas told the suspect to stop and get out of his property, Ngiramengior allegedly threatened to kill him.

The suspect got down the roof and ran toward Dejillas with a crowbar and a hammer. Dejillas threw a golf ball-sized rock at Ngiramengior, hitting him in the chest.

Ngiramengior then hit Dejillas with the crowbar on the right shin and shoulder. Dejillas suffered laceration and bruises. He wrestled the suspect to the ground until the police officer arrived. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Only \$63 million in ACA funding left for CHCC

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REPORTER

There is only \$63 million left available to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. under the Affordable Care Act and it has only four fiscal years left to spend the entire amount.

CHCC is the main beneficiary of \$109 million in ACA funds for the Medicaid program in the Commonwealth.

As of April 30, 2015, CHCC has already received a total of \$46.1 million of that amount, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) chief of staff, Bob Schwalbach.

The current rate of use of these ACA funds is about \$1 million per month until fully expended at the end of fiscal year 2019. These funds were made available starting in July 2011 when CHCC became the main beneficiary with its creation in October 2011.

Schwalbach said that aside from this special appropriation of funds under ACA, the Commonwealth is also eligible for Medicaid funds of about \$5.5

Detainee escapes from Guam prison

On Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at approximately 3pm, detainee Meisy Aliwis was called for an attorney visit. Officers noted that the detainee was not at his assigned housing unit. A head count was done and a perimeter search of the fence line showed no signs of an escape.

Search teams consisting of the Department of Corrections, Guam Police Department, Judiciary of Guam Marshals, and U.S. Marshals Service were launched to several locations based on information from the various law enforcement agencies that are involved in the search. The teams worked through the night and continued the search early yesterday morning.

"We continue to investigate all leads that are reported...as part of the internal affairs investigation. The manner of the escape remains under review. Our priority now is in apprehending Mr. Aliwis," said a joint DOC-GPD statement yesterday.

Aliwis remains on the run. An internal affairs investigation has been launched to determine how he was able to escape. The Department of Corrections is on lockdown at this time.

Aliwis is described as a Chuuk native, 5'3" tall, weighs 160 lbs, with brown eyes and black hair. He has an "L" scar on his right cheek and a mole on the tip of his nose. He was last seen wearing an orange DOC T-shirt and shorts.

DOC and GPD remind the public to use caution if they encounter Aliwis as he is considered dangerous.

Call GPD at 472-8911 or 475-8615-17, or DoC at 735-5170 or 735-5173. (Saipan Tribune)

million per year.

Esther Muña, chief executive officer for CHCC, said that they continue to benefit from the ACA funds. However, she emphasized that the Medicaid cap and the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage still needs to be changed by Congress.

FMAP is the percentage rates used to determine the matching funds allocated annually to certain medical and social service programs in the United States.

FMAP eligible programs are joint federal-state partnerships between the federal government and state governments, and are administered by the states.

Muña said that currently, Medicaid gives a little over \$6 million annually to the CNMI, which is not enough for the over 15,000 Medicaid-eligible residents of the islands. The current FMAP is 55 percent, largely due to ACA. After 2019, the FMAP will return to 50 percent.

"These are just some of our daily concerns when trying to provide quality health care to our people. If the Medicaid statute is not changed, it will be even much more difficult for CHCC to do just that," Muña said.

"It will take more support from the non-voting delegates from the U.S. territories. There needs to be more support from other members of the U.S. Congress and they need to understand that Americans on this

side of the world are obviously at a disadvantage when it comes to healthcare," she added.

Despite the additional monies from ACA, the question still remains as to what will happen once the funding is over.

Delegate Sablan earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that the CNMI needs to start looking at 2019 when the funds for the CNMI and other territories expire.

"The congressional act that places a cap on Medicaid fund-

ing and places a flat FMAP for the territories needs to be amended and treat territorial residents the same as residents in the U.S. states," Muña said.

"The regulations imposed on our hospital are tough considering there is inconsistency in the law when it comes to territorial hospitals. ...On top of that, we are the sole hospital in the CNMI and a rural hospital as well," she added.

A business plan that CHCC is finalizing now hopes to answer what CHCC will do once the ACA funding expires in 2019.



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Red Cross helps residents in wake of typhoon

The American Red Cross quickly launched a relief operation as Typhoon Dolphin passed through the Marianas last weekend. With trained volunteer disaster responders on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian, the Red Cross was able to quickly assess damage and provide emergency assistance. Strong winds in excess of 50 mph were felt on Saipan and Tinian. Winds on Rota were over 100 mph and caused significant damage to homes, businesses, and agriculture.

Over the next few days the Red Cross will be helping families that were heavily impacted by the storm. “We met with families on Saturday morning while doing our assessment and immediately provided cleaning supplies and tarps,” said Claudine Atalig, disaster response supervisor. “We understand the suffering of our people and want to provide help to those with homes and belongings that were damaged by high winds and heavy rain.”

The Red Cross will work closely with families who had major damage and provide them with additional resources to help repair their homes and purchase items lost or destroyed in the storm.

The Red Cross is collaborating with government partners and other community organizations to meet the emergency needs of those affected by Typhoon Dolphin. “Collaboration is the only way to truly make a difference in assisting families and making our community more resilient,” said John Hirsh, Red Cross executive director. “No one agency can do it alone. We all need to be sharing information and resources to fully leverage the will of our people to improve lives.”

A new free Emergency App is available in app stores for smartphones and tablets by searching for the American Red Cross or by going to redcross.org/apps.

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The Saipan Young Professionals featured two inspirational speakers on Thursday, May 14, as part of their “Entrepreneurial Month.” The speakers were Marcia Ayuyu, owner/operator of the McDonald’s Restaurants of Saipan, and Joey Tudela, part-owner of a gym called “GetFitCNMI.”

SYP Committee hosts ‘Inspirational Speakers Night’

The Saipan Young Professionals featured two inspirational speakers on Thursday, May 14, as part of their “Entrepreneurial Month.”

As a committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, SYP acknowledges the importance of education and continuous learning.

“We understand that in order to be a good leader, we need to be educated and knowledgeable about different aspects/fields,” said Mable Ayuyu, chairwoman for the Saipan Young Professionals Committee.

Last Thursday, the SYP Committee invited Marcia Ayuyu, owner/operator of the McDonald’s Restaurants of Saipan to share her experience of owning and operating a franchise business. She shared the interesting dynamic of working with her family as well as the challenges and rewards of operating a quick service restaurant.

SYP members were also given the opportunity to tour the McDonald’s Middle Road restaurant location to understand the operational aspect of a franchise restaurant.

Marcia Ayuyu emphasized the importance of community service and how McDonald’s plays an active role in the CNMI. She also encouraged aspiring female entrepreneurs to take a proactive role and to lead by example. In 2012, Marcia Ayuyu was named the Saipan Chamber of Commerce’s Businessperson of the Year.

The event also featured Joey Tudela, part-owner of a gym called “GetFitCNMI.” In his presentation, Tudela introduced the young professionals to the world of “crossfit.” He gave tips and advice for young entrepreneurs interested in starting their own business in the CNMI and maintaining a full-time job. Aside from being a crossfit trainer, Tudela is also an assistant project manager for a local engineering firm.

“Four years ago, a friend of mine had an idea to open a crossfit gym. We got together, along with a few friends and started ‘GetFitCNMI’ with only about 20 members. Now we’re in a large warehouse with more members,” Tudela said. His advice to young professionals is to “pursue a project that you are passionate about.”

Each month, the Saipan Young Professionals Committee hopes to feature inspirational speakers that will share their experience and wisdom.

“We hope to take the experiences of successful entrepreneurs and use it to motivate us to build a brighter future for our islands,” Mable Ayuyu said.

For more information on any upcoming programs or events under the Saipan Young Professionals Committee or the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, contact the Chamber office at 234-7150 or visit our website (www.saipanchamber.com) or our Facebook page. (SCC)

DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

May 21, 2015

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. PIC	04/30/2015 SMS-91-X-25(2015 Amend)	Replacement of Water Tank	San Antonio	Amendment	Approved (05/06/2015)*
2. IMPERIAL INTERNATIONAL (CNMI), LLC	05/11/2015 SMS-2015-X-029	Grand Mariana Casino and Hotel Resort	Garapan	Major Siting	Under Review
3. Yun Cai	05/12/2015 SPI/Swm-2015-X-030	Grading and Removal of Debris	Sadog Tasi	Ports & Industrial & Wetland APC	Under Review
4. Good Day Coordinator	05/12/2015 SSm-2015-X-031	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (05/12/2015)*
5. YM Micronesian	05/11/2015 S/T/RLm-2015-X-032	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved 05/18/2015)*
6. Ocean Soul Unlimited	05/19/2015 SLRm-2015-X-033	Stand up paddle & Outrigger Race	Lagoon & Reef	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review
7. Bridge Investment Group, LLC	05/18/2015 TPIIm-2015-X-034	Soil Investigation	Ports & Industrial Areas	Ports & Industrial APC	Under Review

Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 4/30/15 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings

None

C. Communications

D. Old Business

E. New Business

1. Office Operations Report (permits/ enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogunoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

Rota lass is accepted to UCSF School of Dentistry

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**
CORRESPONDENT

Bernadita Ann Atalig Manglona has been accepted to the University of California, San Francisco Dental School, one of the most prestigious dental schools in the nation, where less than 5 percent of applicants are accepted. The 23-year-old will begin her studies this fall with a traditional white coat ceremony marking the starting line of her four-year journey in pursuing a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree.

Manglona, an Academy of Our Lady of Guam alumna and 2009 Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient, said the dental school application process started in her freshman year in college with prerequisite lab and science courses. At the University of Washington, Manglona double-majored in Biology and Public Health.

She received a wealth of experience by taking advantage of opportunities to study abroad in Tahiti, England, Thailand, and Costa Rica.

“[By] traveling abroad, I have met people from different cultural backgrounds, ate delicious food, and opened my eyes wider to different perspectives,” she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Manglona also invested much of her time in the university’s Micronesian Islands Club and Undergraduate Students of Public Health Association, where she held leadership roles from public relations chair to president over the years.

“My involvement helped build my communication, leadership, and networking skills—skills necessary for the dental field,” she explained.

To solidify her passion in dentistry, Manglona applied



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Twenty-three-year-old Bernadita Ann Atalig Manglona.

health was important. Her passion became apparent when she visited her family’s Rota home and learned that no dentist resided on island.

“I was shocked! Since then, I saw value and the importance of a dentist in a community,” she added.

Manglona considers dentistry as a dynamic career field and she has learned that dentistry is as much an art as it is science.

“My service to my patients comes with functionality—whether it is to help them chew or smile. I am excited about working with my hands!”

Manglona credits her parents, Vincent and Benita, for under-

standing the importance of education.

“To this day, their advice still resonates with me and I believe that is why I try to educate myself, in and out of the classroom, whether its dental school or traveling abroad. I have always been hungry for adventure,” she added.

The Chamorro culture and island way of life are things, Manglona explained, that molded her into someone who is grateful, rooted in family, and respectful.

She urges young local students to never stop striving for greatness. “Don’t let a bad grade or a bad day hinder you from pursuing your dreams. We come from the Mariana Islands, a very special place, that nurtured us to value family, respect, and compassion—use that gift for the world.”

to the Summer Medical and Dental Educational Program in 2010 at the University of Washington, where she shadowed oral surgeons and Emergency Room doctors, volunteered and taught oral health education at migrant farmer camps, and took academic enrichment courses.

She eventually shadowed a dental school professor at his clinic in Seattle for 18 months. Later, in 2014, she was able to travel with a team of doctors and volunteers to Guatemala to serve over 700 natives through dental care and primary medical

care. In the same year, Manglona volunteered at the East African Community Services and tutored 1st and 2nd generation East African immigrants, while completing her Public Health Capstone project on *Immigrant Children and Dental Caries*.

The culmination of her undergrad studies was a four-hour and 30-minute dental admission test, which is used to gauge a dental student’s academic ability. After garnering a formidable test score, she applied to 10 dental schools and earned the opportunity to pursue her lifelong dream.

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PRO SE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of) FCD-AD-CIVIL
the Adoption of:) ACTION
Joshua Ensik Santos) NO. 15-0061
(Child’s NEW Name))
Minor Child) **NOTICE OF**
By:) **HEARING**
Juan Joseph C.)
Santos and)
Barbara Cabrera)
Santos)
Petitioner(s).)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on June 1, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo

Dated this 21st day of April, 2015.

Clerk of Court
/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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PRO SE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the) FCD-AD-CIVIL
Adoption of:) ACTION
Joseph Insik Santos) NO. 15-0062
(Child’s NEW Name))
Minor Child) **NOTICE OF**
By:) **HEARING**
Juan Joseph C. Santos)
and Barbara)
Cabrera Santos)
Petitioner(s))

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Dated this 21st day of April, 2015.

Clerk of Court
/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that the Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, has been rescheduled to Friday, May 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. **PRELIMINARY**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Adoption of Minutes
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**¹
- III. **REPORTS**
 - a. Chair’s Report
 - b. Executive Director’s Report
- IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Policy & Procedure re Investigative Fees Account
 - b. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
 - c. Licensing Matters
 1. Casino Key Employee License Applications
 2. Casino Employee License Applications
 3. Hotel Registrations
 4. Casino Service Industry License Applications
 5. Casino License/Suitability Applications
- VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**²
- VII. **MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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FIRST AMENDED ARFF BUILDING ROOF REPAIRS PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-002-15 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for the repairs of the roof at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but not limited to the items in the scope of work and those shown on the layout.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **“Proposal for Roof Repairs at the ARFF Station, CPA-SA-002-15”**. One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2015**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposer shall submit with their proposal the following:

1. Letter of interest;
2. Project Approach;
3. Construction Team;
4. Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available);
5. Available resources to accomplish the project;
6. Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
7. Valid CNMI Business License.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that the contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

A site visit may be requested by each proposer and will be coordinated with the ARFF personnel.

The Scope of Work (SOW) and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror’s proposal package. An electronic copy of the layout can be made available upon request to Ms. Wendi Prater at email address wprater@cpa.gov.mp.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Total cost for construction | 45% |
| 2. Experience of the firm on similar or related projects | 25% |
| 3. Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff | 20% |
| 4. Project Approach | 10% |

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Upon award, contractor shall execute performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount from a CPA approved surety prior to commencement of work.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120)** calendar days. Liquidated damages of \$200.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: May 19, 2015

Satton Na Finu` Lahe

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



I ababañg sessu kineni` ni ininan kandet. Uttimofña sineñgge ya pininu`. Kulan uma`achule` yan ga`ga` politika guine. Sige machoneg ti man-presisu siha na asuntu. `Nai man-sineñgge kontodu hita man-tostus!

Sessu man-e` salau pot direchon tautau tanu` gumobietnan maisague`. Kau sumasaunau i mana` kara` kahan iya Marianas gi este na ridu? Tai bali operasion gobietnu `an tai fondu para u kalamten. Kau este uttimu nina` siñan niha i kara` kahan Marianas?

Klaru na puru finu` miron, tai fottalisa i man-mansañgan siha. Gi hilu` este siempre kada ratu man-matompu` hit pot tai mañglu` redan kareta-ta.

Yangin problema ma`apase dibin kandet gobietnu \$31 miyon haf` mohon apas para i programan man-ritirau? Siña ta añgoghu pat pisin chansa `nai mau`udai?

Afañielos, este yan otru sustansiau na asuntu siha asunto-ta ni publiku. Debi u guaha metgot na mañan kabisiyu gi disision satbasion i kinalamten linahyan. Halo?

Sentimienton `Chalan Iya Hame`

Antes ayu solu gaige gi hinasoghu pot Isla (Pagan) i finatton mañainan mame ginen hilu`. I otru i biradan bapot gi pantalan `nai sige uttimu linefan trastes familia siha.

Why run for president if you don` t have a chance?

By RALPH NADER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The 2016 presidential election is attracting an unusually large number of hopefuls. The Republicans will probably field more than a dozen candidates and the Democrats, as many as five. Presently, very few of these supposed contenders have a real chance of becoming president. Republicans Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina and Ted Cruz are long shots. On the Democratic side, that term applies to everyone but Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But the size of the crowd isn` t terribly surprising; if anything I thought it might be even larger. The barriers to entry are low, and all a candidate needs to keep going, at least in this preliminary stage, is money. That isn` t so hard to find anymore given Internet fundraising and the seemingly endless supply of mega-rich patrons who funnel their wealth through super PACs. Money breeds media attention breeds more money.

For registered Democrats and Republicans, it is easy to get on primary ballots and easy to succumb to flattery. “Why, Sen. Rubio, you are a youthful fresh face, possessing humble immigrant beginnings. You are the embodiment of the American dream, and you come across well on television. You attract rich patrons. You could go all the way.” No one in his circle of admirers would call him a rookie.

On the Democratic side, Clinton is way ahead in the polls, leaving Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Gov. Martin O`Malley, former Sen. Jim Webb and former Gov. Lincoln Chafee in the low single digits.

If you tell them in private, “You do not have a chance to be president,” they will point to underdogs who won, such as Jimmy Carter or Ronald Reagan, or front-runners who faltered—such as Clinton herself in 2008. They all harbor the belief that they can catch fire, especially during the primary debates. They know that Clinton could falter yet again; if so, they will be ready.

Short of winning the presidency, however, there are many other rewards for running.

You can fatten your mailing list and your Rolodex for future opportunities. These can include lucrative jobs, retainers, paid speeches or book advances. After 2008, former Gov. Mike Huckabee made it to Fox News and, by staying in the limelight, set himself up for a second run.

Of course, these candidates will claim, some truthfully, that what they really want is for daily audiences to absorb their strongly held convictions and policy ideas. What better way to make yourself heard than a presidential candidacy? All you have to do is show up and talk every day. The media will listen—at least if you have the money and belong to one of the major parties.

If these candidates had distinct agendas challenging entrenched crony corporate power or citizen-disempowerment policies, they could enrich immeasurably the campaigns and bring out more demanding voters with higher expectation levels.

Alas, Sanders may be the only major-party candidate who actually advances Main Street over Wall Street. The others do little

Dispues, kumate i businan bapot ya sige huyuñg gi sagua` iya Tanapag estake maliñgu paluña gi hemhum lemlem tautau.

Man-mattu tatte gi uttimon Agustu pot para u fan eskuela i famaguon guine. Dañkulu na preparasion teñguañg niha deste tinala` katnen babue, guaka, guihan yan `aggun haya.

Kasse siete años tatte huli`e` ayu na isla i hagas pumaya`ya` gi guinifihi. Hu rikonose enteru isla pot para bai` li`e` haf` guinahaña. Diberas tai atparehu ginatboña. Pagan i guaguan na perlas gi enteru islas siha guine.

I yumama attension-hu i sentimientun para umata`lon okupa i lugat piot gi halom i hagas mañaga guihe. Hu komprende ayu na diniseha pot gi finu` i kanta, “I chalan iya hame”. Dañkulu na difirensia iya “hame” yan lugat “mame”. Ayu na isla `nai guaha man-mafañagu `sino man-dañkulu. Pues todú i tiempu gaige gi sentimienton minahalañg niha pot iya “hame”.

Fuera de ginatboña, bula guaka, babue, ayuyu, fanihe, yan todú klassen guihan gi oriyen tasiña. Dos klassen unai: apaka` gi san-haya, atiliguñg gi sanlagu. Dos lokue` sagua`ña gi punta huyuñg gi hagas soñgsuñg. Gaige ha` lokue` i hagas kapiya.

I primera trompison planun para umasagaye i guaha `nos kuantos botkan na man-lologlug esta pa`gu. Gaige unu gi halom sadog gi papa` i pagpag na botkan yan tres gi sanlichen na bandan tanu`. Propiu i para tapega tautau gi piligrosu na kondision? Kau guaha fondu mana` sahñge para este na planu?

Otru siha asunto-ta

Un` amku` apmam ha diñgu Saipan. Dispues de sisienta años `nai mattu tatte. La apmam sumaga sanlagu yan Guam. Teñga `an man-uñgag sitbesa ha lagnos mahalañgña nu i tanu`gue` `nai mafañagu, Saipan.

Sige pa`gu kumanta sunidun tiempon `nai papatgon-gue` guine antes de u diñgu i tanu`. Hu huhuñgog gi sinsiyu na kantaña i espiritun natibu. Sen ti malefa ginen manu-gue` yan i guinaiyaña ni O`Perlas iya Pasifiku. “Estague` na tanu` `nai gaige añklan espiritu-hu kumu Chamorro”.

more than replicate their party’s line, albeit garnished with different slogans and labels.

Fiorina has run a big business, poorly. Carson is known as a pioneering surgeon on a surgical Washington mission. Jeb Bush, Rick Perry and Scott Walker want to lead America as they have governed Florida, Texas and Wisconsin, respectively, leaving no powerful corporations behind. Rick Santorum is freedom’s tribune (though he favors a slightly higher minimum wage), and beleaguered Chris Christie is trying to re-create the image of a governor who gets things done.

At least Rand Paul offers something a little different, but he’s already showing signs of backtracking. He’s a conservative pulling back on empire, averse to corporate welfare and the defense of civil liberties—at least for now.

Meanwhile, Clinton, the Democratic flag-bearer, spouts thinly veiled progressive rhetoric while keeping intact her core credentials as a corporatist and militarist.

Thus far, the media is covering the candidates’ personal stories and will continue to mine biographical details, while waiting for gaffes, a self-destructive lapse or supposed scandal. The media will pretend that minor policy differences amount to different visions for how to lead the country.

Taken as a whole, it is all so rancid. All this dreariness comes down to who is more likable with the most TV ads and superior campaign staff. The voters see themselves as mere spectators, grumbling along the way. They can` t seem to make the candidates react to their needs. They`re bored, and boredom often turns into cynicism and withdrawal (voters become nonvoters). When people have low expectations of politicians, the politicians will oblige them.

Is there a way out of the cycle? Certainly the media could do better.

The media loves to cover horse races, especially when there is no clear front-runner in the polls. It loves patsy interviews filled with tactical questions that invite tactical answers. It hates to cover third-party candidates. Reporters think that’s pointless, because those candidates have no chance.

But as long as the media’s covering candidates within the two major parties who will not be president, such as Fiorina, why not also cover candidates outside the duopoly who will not be president, such as Jill Stein of the Green Party? Third-party candidates can advance important agendas ignored by the mainstream—but which may have majoritarian support, either now or in the future—as they did in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Who first put forth issues such as the abolition of slavery, women’s right to vote, Social Security, farm and labor reforms? Little third parties, of course, that never won a national election.

Ralph Nader, a four-time candidate for president of the United States, is the author of Unstoppable: The Emerging Left-Right Alliance to Dismantle the Corporate State. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

Magahet na siña un` kone` i tautau para hiyuñg Marianas lau ti siña un` lagnos espiritu Chamorro ginen guiya.

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Apmam deste uttimu huchage fresku na titiyas mai`es. Mauleg na birada deste ke matife gi troñku, magugan, matala`, ma-eskome, maguleg, mamulinu ni manu gi hilu` mitate dispues `nai mana` masan hilu` komat.

Ai na pinaire yan tininon guihan, finadeni` mañahag pat flitada. Sessu lokue` mattu malago`hu linemug lemai ni maleche mantikan niyog. Sali hit ha` na tiempu hinegsa` yan pan. Dios mihu! Man-malag manu `dai i hagas sentadan natibu?

Manadan Dibi

I dibin gobietnu kandet mas ke \$31,283,770 miyon pesos. Makom-patte este entalu` administration \$5.34 miyon, hospitat \$16.3 miyon, eskuela \$8.3 miyon yan otru ahensia \$1.3 miyon. Este na dibi gi CUC siña fuetsau hana` fontun operasion sisteman kandet pot siempre gai chinatsaga i ahensia mamahan laña.

Guaha lokue` otru siha man-ladañkulu na kobransa yan obligasion gobietnu. Mina` gai chinatsaga ensegidas ma-apase este na dibi pot ti lagse` hinalom nuebu na kontribusion tax ginen i bisnis. Haf` na disposision guaha? Gaige ennau na ineppe gi administrasion.

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Mattu un` tiahu yan fina` kottot, ilegña para bai` saguaniniye dididi` kamute `an man-hale`yu`. Hu chuli`e` para iya siha gi la talo`ane. Estaba manunu tinala` katnen babue. Magahet na i man-amko`ta matatiye haf` pinayun niha`aggun haya.

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Duru un` tiahu chumaleg `nai ha sasañgan un` `eggu` tiuhu. “Diaru ha kamarote asaguaña antes de u hanau machochu`”. Dios mihu! Dalai na che`chu` `egguria!

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`Nai pumeska i tiuhu un` dia, taya` kinine`ña solu pegi`. Hu faisen haf` para u chogue ni kinine`ña. Ilegña, “Ikuliñg, finababa i finadeni gi hilu` maipen hinegsa`!” Kabilosu!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to think about Bette Bolivar and the Navy in the Marianas: Cultural support methods

The Navy made a very conscious effort to slot a competent, motivated military leader into the job of Commander of Navy Forces Marianas (COMNAVMAR). Bill French, the Navy’s top guy overseeing naval installations worldwide, and the outgoing Chief of Naval Operations and former COMNAVMAR chief himself, Jonathan Greenert, made the considered decision to slot Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar into the job for two reasons.

First, she is a qualified woman. The military overall has learned to place women in more key roles in order to further increase the likelihood that it can accomplish whatever mission sets they are set out to do. For Army non-conventional combat units in Afghanistan, for example, women are actively involved in collecting information and developing relationships with other women in order to achieve the intended set of missions. For the Navy, it was a very conscious effort to slot in Ms. Bolivar due to the series of ongoing and expected stressors produced by the military that will continually impact, both negatively and in some instances positively, many islanders in the Marianas.

Second, she is Pacific Islander by background. Ms. Bolivar was the perfect choice because she readily understands island cultures because she herself is an islander who grew up in the Pacific Basin. The desired outcome the Navy wants to achieve in this instance is to have islanders feel greater connections to locally stationed military leaders than would otherwise be the case. The Navy is doing this to help grow community support for the military as the Pentagon continues to press to further transform the Marianas, which includes their desire to take Pagan and increase activities on Tinian, which I do not support.


I would argue that this is the Navy’s way to establish politically sustainable relationships because looking past Ms. Bolivar, there seems to be not much else the Navy is doing in terms of community relations beyond painting schools, conducting soft recruiting efforts, and seeking to insert itself into the island chain without the consent of villagers and residents. I would also argue that these actions are needs-based efforts and would not take place if it were not for the military’s desire to transform the Marianas into one large ammo box, submarine base, naval facility sprawl, and firing range.

Rick Perez
Hanover, NH

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲88° ▼77°


FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲86° ▼77°


SATURDAY



Partly sunny with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°


SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼77°

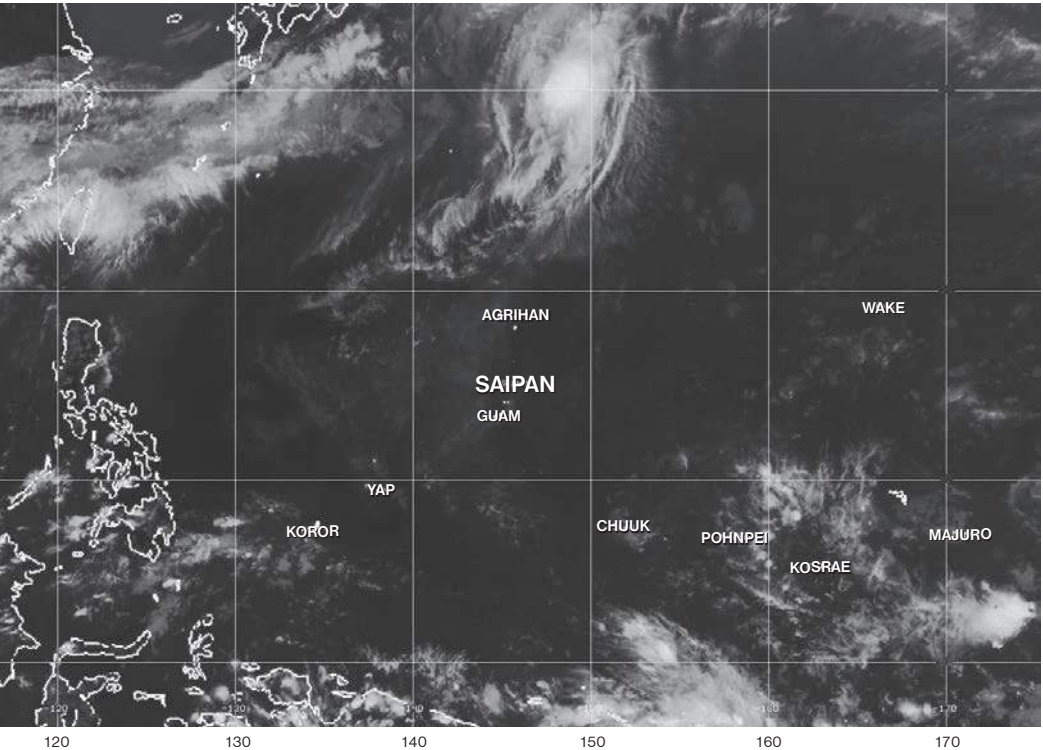
MONDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image



The satellite image shows a large area of cloud cover over the Western North Pacific. Labels on the map include AGRIHAN, WAKE, SAIPAN, GUAM, YAP, KOROR, CHUUK, POHNPEI, KOSRAE, and MAJURO. The image is overlaid with a grid showing longitude from 120 to 170 and latitude from 10 to 25N.

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015


Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northeastward from 3N155E to 9N158E. Low-level convergence east of the trough is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Pohnpei and north of Kosrae within 200 miles of a line from 9N160E to 8N166E. A weak disturbance well south of Majuro is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Butaritari and Tarawa south of a line from 4N165E to 3N174E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼80
Palau	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Showers	▲64	▼57
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼60
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼68
London	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲56	▼49
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼76
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼52
Osaka	Sunny	▲75	▼57
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼46
Pusan	Sunny	▲77	▼58
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼55
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲76	▼55
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲59	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲79	▼52
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲78	▼60
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼59



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9:50 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:12 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	5:48 AM	6:40 PM
Friday	5:48 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:48 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:41 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:42 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	8:24 AM	9:31 PM
Friday	9:18 AM	10:20 PM
Saturday	10:10 AM	11:06 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM	11:48 PM
Monday	11:48 AM	

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:55pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/623	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, ,3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:30pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:45pm+1	6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	1 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	1 via GUM
OZ624/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				UA184/5038	11:30pm	2:35pm+1	2 via GUM-Rota
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	2:35pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5041	11:30pm	6:25pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5043	11:30pm	10:10pm+1	5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/623	12:40am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
OZ624/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5041	9:55pm	6:25pm+1	1, 5 via GUM
				UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
				UA180/5043	9:55pm	10:10pm+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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			8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily			
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily	4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily			
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily			
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily	12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily			
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12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily			
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily			
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3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily			
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily			
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily						
ROTA TO SAIPAN								
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY						
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat						
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Saipan native chosen for summer internship at OIA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Capital Hill resident of Saipan has been chosen as one of four students from the U.S. Insular Areas to participate in the Office of Insular Affairs Internship Program.

James Passi Camacho of the Northern Mariana Islands joins Fuatino Leleo Solaita of American Samoa, Cajay S.T. Jacobs of the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Martin Joseph Moore III of the Republic of Palau for this paid internship program, the first of

its kind for the insular areas.

Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina made the announcement yesterday of the four students' selection. They were chosen out of a pool of approximately 400 applicants from across the country.

"I believe strongly in building the capacity of young people from the insular areas, especially those who are interested in public service and giving back to their communities," said

Kia'aina. "Because the role of the federal government, including the Office of Insular Affairs, is very important in the insular areas, I want our future leaders to learn about the workings of the federal Executive Branch, Congress, and Judicial Branch. They will get a full and rewarding experience by working closely with senior leadership in our office."



Kia'aina

Fuatino Leleo Solaita, from Nu'uuli, American Samoa, is pursuing a master's degree in Business Administration from Chaminade University in Hawaii. She is a graduate of Samoana High School and received her B.A. in Business Administration from Chaminade University. She is currently working as a Human Resources practitioner at the American Sa-

moan government Department of Human Resources.

James Passi Camacho, from Capital Hill, Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, is a graduate of Saipan Southern High School. He is currently a senior at the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in Biology.

Cajay S.T. Jacobs, from Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, is a graduate of All Saints Cathedral School in St. Thomas. She is a senior at

Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, majoring in Policy Analysis and Management.

Martin Joseph Moore III, of Ngerchemai, Koror, Palau and Pottstown, Pennsylvania, is a graduate of Xavier High School in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia. He is a senior at Chaminade University in Hawaii majoring in International Studies. He is also president of the Chaminade Student Government Association. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Softball team, youth join Beautify My Marianas

Women's softball team Y-Sei Y-sei hit a homerun with their participation in the Beautify My Marianas program on May 9, 2015. Eight members of the team collected 160 lbs of trash at the Coral Ocean Point Resort beach area.

"We walked the beach, collecting plastic and cans," said Lani Fritz in the group's post-cleanup report. "The boonies had a lot of trash too. Beer cans, cardboard, plastic, and household trash [that] were thrown in the woods were also collected."

Beautify My Marianas is a program of the Marianas Visitors Authority and offers \$100 for each 1-mile cleanup in assigned areas.

"It is always a great feeling to be part of protecting and beautifying our environment," said Fritz.

The Youth Advisory Panel

club also collected 100 lbs of trash from Saipan World Resort to Oleai Beach on the same day.

"It was a nice morning with a small crowd gathering at the beach to attend a canoe race. Along the beach we picked up mostly plastic bags...[and] cans," said the group in their post-cleanup report. "The most disappointing part of the day was when we came into the main pavilion, Minachom At-dao, at Kili Beach. [There were] piles of trash on the fly-infested sink containing beer and soda cans, scraps of food, plastic bags, paper bags, etc. It seemed to us that it was left from the night before."

The group urged "a system of accountability for whoever uses these pavilions and don't clean up after themselves" and to "fine littering individuals." *(MVA)*



WORLD RESORT DONATES

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As part of the disaster relief efforts for the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal, the staff and management of Saipan World Resort contributed a monetary donation to the Nepalese community. The donation was presented to the Nepalese community by SWR director of Administration Henry Kim, Human Resources manager Miriam K. Seman, and Public Relations manager Mike Babauta.



NEW CHAPTER

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Frannie T. Demapan, second from left, graduated from the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law with a juris doctorate degree on Sunday, May 17, 2015, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Frannie is joined by her family members, Frances T. Demapan, left, Patricia T. Palacios, second from right, and Priscilla T. Tenorio, right.



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Women's softball team Y-Sei Y-Sei picked up 160 lbs of trash at Coral Ocean Point beach on May 9, 2015, as part of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Beautify My Marianas program.



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Business

Xerox offers software solutions to office needs

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REPORTER

If Polaroid cameras are as popular now as it was back then, it might have evolved into something that allows you to take “selfies” more conveniently.

But what if instant photo printing—or printing other important office files from your mobile devices—do not require you to purchase another Polaroid or another printer other than your Xerox machine?

In a recent tech show at their Garapan office, Xerox focused on the capabilities of their software instead of presenting units and machines.

Network printer specialist Michael Person showed how easy it is to print from phones and tablets just by wirelessly connecting these devices to their units.

Attendees of the tech show had fun taking photos and printing them without standing up from their seats.

Using the ConnectKey technology, you can easily connect and print from your mobile phone to your machine without the hassle of transferring files from one device to another, making it a productive and time-saving tool that is indispensable in an office setting with all the documents and files that one can access through mobile devices.

Person also showed how easy these printouts can be scanned, converted into PDF files, and saved on another device or computer.

Another Xerox software is the Digital Alternatives Tool, a cloud-based app that allows users to share documents across all of computers and mobile devices. It can also easily read documents like on a tablet, take digital notes on pages, fill out



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
The Xerox family poses with attendees of their tech show, which highlighted the features of their software, ConnectKey, and other mobile apps.

any form, and digitally sign any document.

“Software powers the machines. You have Windows to a PC, you have an operating system for your Mackintosh, ConnectKey is the operating system for the equipment. That’s what I really want to highlight today,” said Person.

Providing customers’ needs

“More software and applications, just a lot of things that’s basically managing what matters to our customers the most,” said Services and Solutions executive Nola K. Hix.



According to Person, their software is what makes their units different.

“Our operating system is what sets us apart. It is the software solutions that will take us

to the next level with electronic documents,” he said.

For Hix, it’s all about serving the customers’ needs and allowing them to catch up with technology.

“Customers want to be able to sync with the printer, glued to their phones and make sure that whatever it is that they’re doing is all synced into one and easily accessible. Right now, what

Xerox’s network printer specialist Michael Person takes a selfie with the audience and showed them how easy it is to print from phones and tablets by wirelessly connecting these devices to their units.

Xerox is doing is basically following what matters most in the office, basically allowing you to do things seamlessly, wirelessly, mobile as you can see with the phones. We’re really moving with technology,” Hix said.

After the interactive and remarkable presentation, guests were treated to a raffle where they won shopping sprees, movie passes, free gas, and VIP concert tickets.

“It’s a great turnout. I feel like not only do we share a business relationship with our customers, but our customers are just like our family,” Hix said.

SHRM meeting features US Labor

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will have its May general membership meeting on the topic of “Recent Labor Audit Issues,” which will be presented by Dan Wang and Dean Tenorio of the U.S. Department of Labor.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Saipan’s Giovanni’s Restaurant on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and employees to learn some of the common labor issues discovered by the U.S. Department of Labor in recent cases and audits.

The presentation includes lunch and the cost is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for

non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Micah Parico-Acuavera by phone at 234-1795 or by e-mail at corpoffice@triplejsaipan.com or by e-mail to Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com.

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Los Angeles becomes latest US city to favor \$15 minimum wage

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles City Council gave initial approval Tuesday to raising minimum pay in the nation’s second-largest city to \$15 an hour by 2020, a key step as wages in America have stagnated.

If enacted, Los Angeles would join Seattle and San Francisco as some of the largest cities in the nation with phased-in minimum wage laws that eventually require annual pay of about \$31,200.

Last year, Chicago passed a phased-in minimum wage increase to \$13 an hour.

The Los Angeles council voted 14-1 after residents made impassioned statements for and against the plan that would progressively bump up the wage from the current \$9 an hour, also the minimum for California.

“Today, help is on the way for the 1 million Angelenos who live in poverty,” Mayor Eric Garcetti said.

The vote sent the measure to the city attorney to prepare a wage ordinance that will go to a council committee and, assuming it passes, to the full council for a final vote and then to Garcetti.

The vote follows months of debate and study at a time when American workers have struggled with flat wages.

Average hourly wages in the nation rose just 3 cents in April to \$24.87. Wages have risen only 2.2 percent over the past 12 months, roughly the same sluggish pace of the past six years, according to Labor Department figures.

The 9 million jobs lost during the recession have played a role in keeping wages down around the nation and even the recovery has had limited impact.

Yet pressure to raise the mini-

mum wage has been building around the country and in Los Angeles, which has some of the highest housing costs in the nation.

Councilman Paul Krekorian said his mother raised a family while waiting tables for minimum wage.

“It would be a whole lot harder to raise a family now doing what she did ... because minimum wage has not kept up with the cost of living, with the cost of housing, with the cost of transportation or any of the other costs that we all have to bear,” Krekorian said.

Nation

Motorcycle gang shootout started with parking dispute

WACO, Texas (AP)—A deadly weekend shootout involving rival motorcycle gangs apparently began with a parking dispute and someone running over a gang member's foot, police said Tuesday.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said an uninvited group appeared for Sunday's meeting of a loose confederation of biker gangs at a restaurant.

One man was injured when a vehicle rolled over his foot. That caused a dispute that continued inside the restaurant, where fighting and then shooting began, before the melee spilled back outside, Swanton said.

Authorities offered few details. It was not clear which gang was responsible for running over the biker's foot or which gang the aggrieved biker belonged to.

When the shootout was over, nine people were dead and 18 wounded.

Police have said five biker gangs from across Texas had gathered in part to settle differences over turf.

Jimmy Graves, who described himself as an ambassador for the gang known as the Bandidos, disputed that claim, saying the groups had planned to discuss laws protecting motorcycle riders and other topics such as trademarks for club logos.

But he acknowledged that differences with other groups, such as the Cossacks, have been "simmering and brewing."

Another biker named Johnny Snyder said he was at the restaurant for a quarterly meeting to talk about legislative issues.

Snyder, a long-haul trucker, declined to describe what he



^{AP}
This combination of booking photos provided by the McLennan County Sheriff's office shows people arrested during the motorcycle gang related shooting at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas, Sunday, May 17, 2015.

saw inside the restaurant, saying he was only concerned with "not getting shot."

He is vice president of the Boozefighters Motorcycle Club in Waco, a group that Snyder says hosts charity events and family gatherings and is not a criminal gang.

About 50 weapons were confiscated, mostly knives and firearms, and Swanton said more than 100 weapons may be found once authorities are done analyzing the crime scene at the Twin Peaks restaurant, which is part of a national chain that features waitresses in revealing uniforms.

Preliminary autopsy results showed all nine of the dead were killed by gunshots. Many were hit in the head, neck, chest or torso. Most of the men were in their 40s, but they ranged in age from 27 to 65, according to reports released by a McLennan County justice of the peace.

Police have acknowledged firing on armed bikers, but it was unclear how many of the dead were shot by gang members and how many were shot by officers.

ACROSS THE NATION

\$100M 'symbolic' judgment entered in dog attack case

DETROIT (AP)—A judge on Tuesday awarded a \$100 million civil judgment to a man who lost most of his left arm, his left leg below the knee and his left ear in an attack by a pack of dogs outside a Detroit home. It's unlikely that Steve Constantine will collect anywhere near the amount entered by Wayne County Circuit Judge Daphne Means Curtis, but the meaning runs deeper than money, said Mark Bernstein, his attorney. "It's an enormously symbolic statement by the court that this type of conduct is unacceptable in our community," Bernstein told The Associated Press. "The ability to collect is largely irrelevant. We wanted a number that got people's attention. 'This was a powerful, loud and clear statement. There was a sense of enough is enough.'" Constantine, 50, was mauled in October as he tried to feed dogs belonging to Derick Felton at a house owned by Felton's mother. Police killed one dog at the scene and said they rounded up at least 11 other pit bulls or pit bull mixes that were later euthanized.

Police investigate after teen shoots friend through window

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP)—Authorities are considering whether to bring criminal charges against a Montana 17-year-old who fired a bullet through his bedroom window and killed a friend, in a case an investigator has described as an accident. The unidentified suspect had been startled when 15-year-old Mackeon Schulte and another friend knocked on his window early Sunday, Billings police said. The alarmed teen grabbed

a revolver, described as a family heirloom, and shot through the glass, striking Schulte in the head, police said. Police are investigating the shooting as a homicide, and authorities are expected to weigh if negligence played a role in Schulte's death. It will be up to prosecutors to decide on charges. Billings Police Capt. John Bedford said the suspect was not considered an immediate danger, and criminal charges could run the risk of "compounding a horrible situation."

No charges for St. Louis officer who killed 18-year-old

ST. LOUIS (AP)—An attorney for the family of a black 18-year-old shot and killed last October by an off-duty, white St. Louis police officer said Tuesday he plans to file a wrongful-death lawsuit, after a prosecutor said the officer would not face criminal charges. In a 51-page report released Monday, St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce said her office's "independent and exhaustive investigation" concluded a criminal violation could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt in VonDerrit Myers Jr.'s death. The report, which did not identify the officer because no charges were filed, said that "given all the available facts, witness statements, (and the) physical and forensic evidence," the officer shot and killed Myers in self-defense after Myers fired at him. A statement by St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson identified the officer as Jason Flanery, a six-year veteran of the department. A message left Tuesday with Flanery's attorney, Brian Millikan, seeking comment on the prosecutor's decision was not returned.

Unions urge Amtrak to put 2nd crew member in locomotives

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The union for Amtrak's locomotive engineers urged the railroad on Tuesday to put a second crew member at the controls of trains on the busy Northeast Corridor, where a derailment killed eight people and injured more than 200 others.

"The public would never accept an airline operation with a single person in the cockpit," the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen said in a statement. "There is no reason that rail employees and rail passengers' lives should be viewed

any differently."

Brandon Bostian, 32, was alone in the locomotive of Train 188 when it derailed May 12, about 10 minutes after departing Philadelphia for New York.

Train 188 had a five-member crew—including a conductor who is still hospitalized with serious injuries—but they were in the passenger coaches, closed off from the locomotive.

Amtrak hasn't had a second crew member in the locomotive of its Northeast Corridor trains since Congress ended the requirement in the early 1980s,

the union said.

In a statement, Amtrak said it operates its locomotives in accordance with federal standards and that its locomotive engineers and train conductors work together to ensure safe train operation.

"Amtrak is and always has been committed to safety as its number one priority and continues to work with all the stakeholders toward a consensus on the appropriate management of crew resources in passenger train locomotives," the statement said.

The National Transportation Safety Board is looking into why

the train was going more than double the 50 mph limit around a sharp curve. It is also investigating whether an object may have struck the locomotive's windshield before the crash.

The FBI said it found no evidence a grapefruit-sized fracture on the windshield was caused by a firearm, and the NTSB said it was unsure anything had struck the vehicle.

Investigators said Bostian, who was among the injured, told them in an interview that he couldn't recall anything from the last 3 miles before the derailment.

Oil pipeline spills about 21K gallons off California coast

GOLETA, Calif. (AP)—A broken pipeline spilled 21,000 gallons of crude oil into the ocean before it was shut off Tuesday, creating a slick stretching about 4 miles along the central California coastline, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

Authorities responding to reports of a foul smell near Refugio State Beach around noon found a half-mile slick already formed in the ocean, Santa Barbara County Fire Capt. Dave Zaniboni said. They traced the oil to the onshore pipeline that spilled into a culvert running

under the U.S. 101 freeway and into a storm drain that empties into the ocean.

The pipeline was shut off about three hours later but by then the slick stretched four miles and 50 yards into the water.

The 24-inch pipeline is owned by Plains All American Pipeline, which said it shut down the flow of oil and the culvert carrying the oil to the ocean was blocked.

"Plains deeply regrets this release has occurred and is making every effort to limit its environmental impact," the

company said in a statement.

The Coast Guard, county emergency officials and state parks officials were cleaning up the spill. Boats from the nonprofit collective Clean Seas also were providing help but were having trouble because so much of the oil was so close to the shore, Coast Guard spokeswoman Jennifer Williams said. About 850 gallons of oil have been recovered from the water, Williams said.

The accident occurred on the same stretch of coastline as a

1969 spill that at the time was the largest ever in U.S. waters and is credited for giving rise to the American environmental movement. Several hundred thousand gallons spilled from a blowout on an oil platform and thousands of sea birds were killed along with many marine mammals.

The stretch of coastline about 20 miles northwest of the pricey real estate of Santa Barbara still is home to offshore oil rigs and small amounts of tar and seepage regularly show up on beaches.

Asia

Indonesia, Malaysia to help stranded Muslim migrants

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP)—Indonesia and Malaysia agreed Wednesday to provide temporary shelter to thousands of migrants stranded at sea, the first breakthrough in the humanitarian crisis confronting Southeast Asia after weeks of reluctance by the region's nations to take responsibility.

The announcement was made by Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman after a meeting with his counterpart from Indonesia and Thailand, called to address the plight of the migrants. Most of them are the long-persecuted Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar and others are Bangladeshis fleeing poverty.

"Indonesia and Malaysia agreed to continue to provide humanitarian assistance to those 7,000 irregular migrants at sea," Anifah told reporters.

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SIMPANG TIGA, Indonesia (AP)—A flotilla of Indonesian fishermen rescued more than 430 migrants who were stranded at sea and brought them ashore to safety Wednesday, the latest victims of a humanitarian crisis confronting

Southeast Asia.

Hoping to find a solution, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia held an emergency meeting to address the plight of the migrants who are fleeing persecution in Myanmar and poverty in Bangladesh.

The migrants were rescued early Wednesday by more than a dozen fishermen's boats, said Herman Sulaiman, from East Aceh district's Search and Rescue Agency.

It was unclear if the migrants were on one boat or had come from several. An initial batch of 102 people were the first brought to shore in the village of Simpang Tiga in Indonesia's eastern Aceh province, Sulaiman and other rescuers said.

"They were suffering from dehydration, they are weak and starving," Khairul Nove, head of Langsa Search and Rescue Agency in Aceh province. Among the 102 passengers were 26 women and 31 children, he said.

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He said the two countries "also agreed to provide them temporary shelter provided that

the resettlement and repatriation process will be done in one year by the international community."

"In the meantime, Malaysia and Indonesia invite other countries in the region to join in this endeavor" he said.

A few thousand migrants have already made it to shore in Indonesia's Aceh province and Malaysia's Langkawi island.

Most of the victims are believed to be victims of human traffickers, who recruit them in Myanmar's Sittwe province and in Bangladesh with promises to give them safe passage to Malaysia, and jobs once they land there.

But in reality, they are held for ransom, either on the trawlers or in jungle camps in Thailand through which they transit before slipping into neighboring Malaysia. The victims then have to ask their relatives back home to give money to the smugglers in return for their release.

"The enforcement agencies of the countries concerned will continue to share intelligence information in their efforts to combat people smuggling and human trafficking," Anifah said.

SIDEBAR

Rohingya crisis highlights toothless nature of ASEAN

BANGKOK (AP)—The Southeast Asian grouping known as ASEAN has made a point of not pressuring member nations over internal issues such as rights abuses, and in the case of Myanmar's persecuted Rohingya minority, the policy has come back to haunt it.

Three other ASEAN nations—Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand—now must contend with a humanitarian crisis involving thousands of Rohingya and Bangladeshis stranded off their shores. After years of ignoring the issue, their chances of using diplomacy to achieve any change in Myanmar's behavior appear bleak.

The crisis is among the 10-nation group's biggest tests since the Vietnam War, both in whether it can protect migrants' lives and to what extent the group can confront one of its members—in this case Myanmar. The stakes for ASEAN are high, given the global attention the crisis is getting and the possibility that many migrants could die if no country takes them in.

"This is a test for ASEAN, for ASEAN's sustainability. Its legitimacy will depend on this, and how it is resolved," said Charles Santiago, a Malaysian parliamentarian who is chairman of a regional lawmakers' group pressing for human rights and has spoken out about

the need to rescue the refugees and migrants floating in Malacca Strait waters.

Some cracks in the group's bedrock principle of non-interference have appeared.

Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said over the weekend that Myanmar should take responsibility for resolving ethnic tensions with the Rohingya to prevent other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations from being burdened, according to the national news agency Bernama.

Rohingya in Myanmar have been persecuted for years, and only more so since 2011, when a long-ruling junta gave way to a nominally elected government. More than 120,000 Rohingya have fled the country since 2012, as Buddhist mobs killed up to 280 of them and drove tens of thousands from their homes. Those displaced are forced to live in camps where they can't work, get an adequate education or receive medical care.

In Thailand, leaders have said the migrant crisis isn't their problem but needs to be addressed by the "origin country"—without being more specific. Myanmar refuses to even use the word "Rohingya," saying the group illegally migrated from Bangladesh, though Rohingya have lived in Myanmar for generations.

Myanmar's Foreign Ministry said in a statement released Tuesday night that it is "equally concerned about the migrant crisis" and will patrol its waters with planes and ships to "save those in trouble."

However, Myanmar denies it is the source of the crisis and appears unwilling to join in regional talks to address it. Its government has cast doubt on whether it will attend a conference to be hosted by Thailand on May 29 that is to include 15 Asian nations affected by the emergency.

Foreign ministers from Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand—countries where about 3,000 migrants washed ashore in crowded boats in recent weeks but that have turned away other vessels—are scheduled to hold a separate meeting Wednesday in Kuala Lumpur.

But experts are doubtful the ministers will be too critical of Myanmar, which could serve to only underline ASEAN's toothless reputation. Most likely, the immediate focus will be on managing the crisis and not getting to the root causes.

"This is going to put on display ASEAN's impotence," said Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a political scientist and director of the Institute of Security and International Studies at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University. "This is another reflection of ASEAN's ineffectual cohesion."

World

Iraq struggles with sectarian politics after Ramadi fall

BAGHDAD (AP)—As it moves to try to reverse the stunning loss of Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's largest Sunni province, the Shiite-led government is hamstrung by the sectarian politics it has failed to overcome ever since the Islamic State group began its rampage more than a year ago.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi vowed Tuesday to arm Sunni tribesmen to help retake Ramadi, a plan the United States has encouraged to better empower the minority community in the fight to defend their cities and to reduce their support for the Sunni extremists.

But the pledge met immediate skepticism from Sunnis, given that similar promises after Islamic State militants seized the northern city of Mosul last summer were barely implemented.

It also met quick resistance

from Shiite rivals within al-Abadi's own government, who oppose arming Sunnis.

At the same time, the government was rallying Iranian-backed Shiite militiamen to join the offensive, raising the prospect of dangerous frictions in a country that was nearly torn to pieces by bloody Shiite-Sunni violence from 2006-2007. Though the Shiite militiamen have been crucial to reversing other losses to IS militants, they have also been accused of abuses against Sunni residents of those areas.

Around 3,000 Shiite militiamen have deployed near Ramadi, most in the Habbaniya military base and the town of Khaldiya, east of the city. Others deployed on routes from Anbar province toward southern Iraq to prevent any IS attempt to advance on Shiite holy sites there.

The capture of Ramadi



Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

was a major blow to the U.S.-backed strategy against the Islamic State group. Over the past months, the combination of regular troops, Shiite militias and Kurdish fighters backed by U.S.-led airstrikes have managed to seize back territory from IS across northern and western Iraq.

Libya sends special envoy to talk with EU about migrant plan

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Libya said Tuesday it has sent a special envoy to speak with the European Union about the EU's proposed military operation to destroy the boats of migrant smugglers who increasingly set off for Europe from the chaotic north African country.

A statement shared by Libya's mission to the United Nations says the country's internationally recognized government "confirms its total eagerness to do its effective role in controlling the mass migration which claimed the lives of thousands of people."

Some kind of consent from Libya is needed if the EU wants to operate in the country's territorial waters. But the country is split into two governments, the other backed by Islamist-allied militias. The

Western-backed government says the smuggling operations are largely based in the west, which is under the other government's control.

Libya's U.N. ambassador this month said his government had not been consulted on the EU plan and largely rejected it, but Ibrahim Dabbashi later indicated that his government had been brought into the conversation.

Now the government's special envoy, Nuri Bait Almal, has been sent to speak with the EU, the statement from the Western-backed government says, adding that "we are looking forward for an early engagement with the European leaders."

The statement does not say whether Libya would support an EU operation in its territorial waters or even on its shores,

but it says, "We are seeking in all seriousness to cast out this phenomenon as soon as possible and to stop the flow of immigrants to EU countries."

It also acknowledges Libya's "inability in the current time to reduce these illegal migrations" and advocates cooperating with the EU on an action plan to end the crisis. The International Organization for Migration estimates that more than 1,800 migrants have died or gone missing at sea on the way to Europe this year.

The 28-nation EU wants to launch its military operation next month. The operation is still in the planning stage and also requires a U.N. Security Council resolution for its full implementation to be legally sound. It will involve European navy ships, drones and satellite imagery.

Masses of Burundi refugees show up in Tanzania

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)—Cholera and severe diarrhea have broken out among tens of thousands of refugees from Burundi who are jammed into a village in Tanzania on the edge of Lake Tanganyika, with the Burundians overwhelming the health infrastructure and sanitation facilities, aid agencies said Tuesday.

Between 500 and 2,000 people are arriving daily in the tiny fishing village of Kagunga, the World Health Organization said. The refugees have abandoned their country because of fears of political violence in the run-up to June elections, in which their president is seeking a third term. His candidacy has triggered

demonstrations for three weeks in Burundi's capital and amid the chaos, some military officer launched a coup last week, which failed within two days.

Kagunga's original population of 11,382 has increased to over 90,000 since April, WHO said in a statement. There is not enough safe water for drinking.

With Kagunga surrounded by mountains, the refugees must wait to board a 100-year-old ship and make the three-hour trip to the port of Kigoma, the International Rescue Committee said. The ship is transporting 600 passengers twice daily, leaving those who remain behind in overcrowded and unsanitary condi-

tions, the aid group said.

The IRC said it is providing medical care in Kagunga, on the boat and at a transit camp in Kigoma. After making it to Kigoma, around 16,000 refugees have moved on to Nyarugusu refugee camp, a journey of up to four hours by road.

Cases of acute diarrhea and cholera have been confirmed, according to WHO.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees office reported on Sunday that at least seven Burundian refugees had died of severe diarrhea.

Demonstrators in Bujumbura, Burundi's capital, say they will continue to protest until President Pierre Nkurunziza steps down at the end of his second term.

Environment

White House issues plan to save bees, other crop pollinators

By GEOFFREY MOHAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The federal government will boost research and preserve 7 million acres of habitat for bees, monarch butterflies and other insects as part of a wide-ranging strategy to bolster the population of pollinators that are vital to the nation's food crops.

The long-anticipated national strategy from a White House task force aims to bring annual bee losses to 15 percent, down from more than 40 percent last year. Managed honeybee colonies provide pollination services to the nation's crops that are valued at \$15 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

California almond growers pay upward of \$290 million a year to bring tens of thousands of managed honeybee colonies to their groves, according to the USDA. A recent survey of the nation's beekeepers estimated annual losses of 42 percent, up from 35.2 percent the year before, and well above the 15 to 17 percent that is considered economically sustainable.

Much of the plan depends on public-private partnerships, education and research. But it also directs multiple agencies to take action, such as managing land in ways that promote pollinator habitats. The Environmental Protection Agency, meanwhile, is weighing the effects of pesticides on honeybees used to pollinate crops, and already is slowing the use of neonicotinoid compounds that have been associated with colony declines.

The USDA will use its Conservation Reserve Program and other tools to expand summer forage areas, according to the plan.

There are about 2,000-3,000 commercial U.S. beekeepers nationwide, managing about 2.7 million colonies, down from about 5.7 million in the 1950s, according to the report.

Declines in managed bee colonies have been noted for decades, but they increased in the late 1980s due to a parasitic mite infestation, and accelerated sharply about 10 years ago, when whole colonies began to collapse, a phenomenon dubbed colony collapse disorder. Annual losses have hovered in the 30 percent range since then.

The cause of the sharp declines has been attributed to multiple stressors, including beekeeper management practices, pesticide exposure, poor nutrition due to decreased diversity in their forage, and exposure to a host of pathogens, including mites and viruses.

A task force will try to advance scientific research into causes of the declines, and to better quantify those reported



TRAVIS HEYING/WICHITA EAGLE/MCT
The White House on Tuesday released a national strategy to address the declines in the population of honeybees, like the one pictured here in 2012, which are crucial to pollinating food crops.

declines, which are based on self-reporting surveys of a small sample of beekeepers.

The Pollinator Research Action Plan that accompanied the White House strategy calls on federal agencies to measure field-level exposure to pesticides and other chemicals and bolster research into the effects of those compounds. Those

agencies will develop monitoring protocols for diseases, and identify new control methods for pests and pathogens, with a particular focus on the natural microbiome of the insects.

The plan goes beyond the honeybees used for commercial purposes, examining the more than 4,000 other species of bees and a variety of other pollina-

tors, including butterflies.

The strategy was largely welcomed by the beekeeping industry, even as environmental groups criticized it as not going far enough, particularly in addressing the use of pesticides.

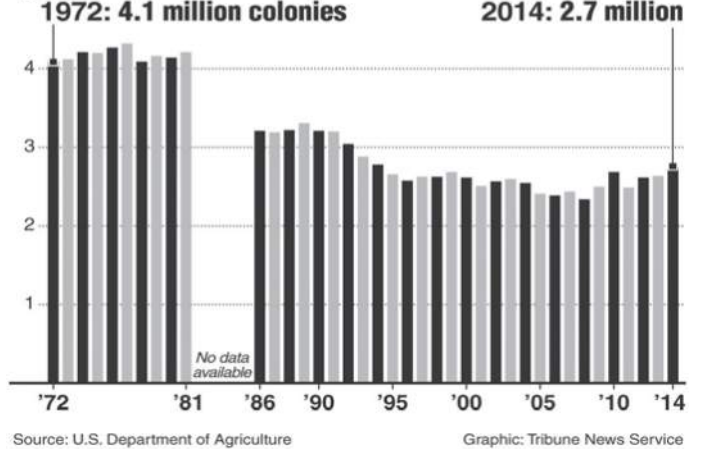
The American Honey Producers Association and the American Beekeepers Association, in a joint statement,

Honeybee colony decline

The White House unveiled a plan Tuesday to protect honeybees and other pollinators.

Honey-producing bee colonies

In millions



said they were “hopeful that the United States Congress will do its part in helping to ensure results rather than rhetoric by providing the resources needed to combat this most serious of threats to honey bee health, the beekeeping industry, and production agriculture.”

The federal government should move faster to “drastically cut down on today’s pervasive use of neonicotinoids and other pesticides,” said Peter Lehner, executive director of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

“Our bees can’t wait for more

reports and evaluations. We need to save them by banning neonicotinoids, and especially neonicotinoid seed treatments, right now,” said Lori Ann Burd, director of the Environmental Health program at the Center for Biological Diversity.

The Pesticide Action Network called the strategy “a far cry from the ‘all hands on deck’ approach President Obama had promised to the public last year.” It blasted federal policy as “lop-sided,” taking action on such issues as habitat and pathogens while “remaining stuck” on pesticide control.

Future for warming US: More extreme heat

WASHINGTON (AP)—The combination of global warming and shifting population means that by mid-century, there will be a huge increase in the number of Americans sweating through days that are extremely hot, a new study says.

People are migrating into areas—especially in the Southeast—where the heat is likely to increase more, said the authors of a study published Monday by the journal Nature Climate Change. The study highlighted the Houston-Dallas-San Antonio and Atlanta-Charlotte-Raleigh corridors as the places where the double whammy looks to be the biggest.

“It’s not just the climate that is changing in the future,” said study co-author Linda Mearns, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colorado. “It is many things: how many people and where people are that affects their exposure to climate changes.”

In a unique study looking at the interplay of projected changes in climate and population, scientists tried to characterize the number of people



In this Jan. 29, 2015 file photo, children play under the water that they manage to spill over from a water tank, to cool off from the summer heat, at the Alemao Complex slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

who will feel temperatures of 95 degrees (35 Celsius) or higher and how often they will feel it. They used a figure called person days for the ex-

treme heat to reflect both the length of time heat waves continued and how many people felt it by multiplying people affected by how many days

they felt the heat.

Between 1970 and 2000, the U.S. averaged about 2.3 billion person days of extreme heat each year. But between

2040 and 2070 that number will be between 10 and 14 billion person days a year, according to the study.

The scientists used 11 different climate models based on current trends of heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions and matched those with demographic trends. Both the increased heat and population shifts had about equal effects but together they made matters even worse, said lead author Bryan Jones, a population geographer at the City University of New York.

The question is, will be people adapt by changing their lifestyle, such as staying indoors and using more air conditioning, or will they move to cooler climates. Jones said it is unlikely that people will move to cooler areas to escape the heat, saying historically people tend to move away from colder areas and into warmer areas like Florida, Arizona and North Carolina.

Several outside scientists praised the study. University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd said the problem is likely even worse when you take into consideration the fact that cities get hotter than rural areas.

Life & Style

Critics slam HBO drama 'Game of Thrones' for rape scene

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A U.S. senator is among those condemning a rape scene on HBO's "Game of Thrones."

In a comment tweeted Tuesday, Sen. Claire McCaskill described the sexual assault as "gratuitous" and "disgusting." The Democratic lawmaker from Missouri said she was done with the show.

Others critics included the website The Mary Sue, which offers a feminist view of pop culture. The website posted that it would no longer promote "Game of Thrones" and said that rape is not a device to drive a story.

HBO declined comment Tuesday on the reaction to the episode that debuted last Sunday. An after-hours call to McCaskill's office seeking further comment was not immediately returned.

The attack involved newly married characters Sansa, played by Sophie Turner, and Ramsay, portrayed by Iwan Rheon. Ramsay's rape of Sansa was off-camera, suggested in



AP
This photo provided by courtesy of HBO shows, Sophie Turner, left, as Sansa Stark, and Iwan Rheon, as Ramsay Bolton, in a scene from season 5 of "Game of Thrones."

her cries and the distress on a bystander's face.

The scene differed from the work of George R.R. Martin,

whose novels are the basis of "Game of Thrones." In Martin's

work, a different character marries Ramsay and is sexually as-

saulted by another man at Ramsay's direction.

Last season, HBO was slammed over another rape scene, that one involving incestuous lovers. The show's ongoing graphic violence also has drawn criticism.

Despite the attacks, "Game of Thrones" remains a steady hit in its fifth season.

World's smallest theater opens its doors to public in NY

NEW YORK (AP)—Many theater owners like to say they offer an intimate show but only one really means it.

That would be Theatre for One—a 4-foot-by-8 foot portable theater that allows one audience member at a time to see one short play performed by a single actor.

"There's definitely an immediacy that happens within this," said Tony-winning scenic designer Christine Jones, who conceived and leads the project. "The theater acts as a kind of portal into a human being."

The theater will be parked in three Manhattan locations for the next two months, offering shows for free. Which play the audience sees is largely the luck of the draw, adding to this unique theatrical event.

Each lucky audience member slips into a section of the theater and waits until a partition rises, revealing a performer who then begins his or her short piece.

This year, new plays were commissioned from Craig Lucas, Will Eno, Lynn Nottage, Jose Rivera, Thomas Bradshaw, Zayd Dohrn and Emily Schwend.

They were asked to write 3-minute pieces that used this phrase as a jumping-off point: "I'm not the stranger you think I am." The works range in theme from a serial killer preying on black men to the death of a mother.

The actors will be Andrew Garman, Erin Gann, Carmen Zilles, Keith Randolph Smith, Marisol Miranda and Kevin Mambo, an actor and musician who starred in "Fela" on Broadway.

Mambo, who will be performing Dohrn's play "Love Song," added his own music and will play an electric guitar in the booth. He's played audiences of 5,000 so the stripped-down nature of the new show is a challenge.

If you can make it there: Acts try out for NY subway spots

NEW YORK (AP)—It's a rite of spring: performers auditioning for the privilege of doing their thing in grubby, noisy New York City subway stations.

Seventy showed up Tuesday at Grand Central Terminal, vying for permission to set up their underground acts for tips. They appeared before a jury of musicians and transit employees in the elegant Vanderbilt Hall above the train tracks.

This year's motley musical crew, from countries around the world, will soon find out who won the right to be part of the Music Under New York program run by the Metropolitan

Transportation Authority, which operates the nation's biggest mass transit system.

"I always dreamed of arriving in New York City," said Oliver Dagum, a Philippine-born U.S. Air Force sergeant stationed in New Jersey who left the military last week. "I always believed that there's something between me and the city. It's amazing. It's grandiose. I feel uplifted."

He said playing in the subway system is a gauge of how good he is.

"If you're able to convince one or two rushing people to take the time to listen to you, that's the biggest acknowledgment," he said.

Dagum switched his military uniform for a woolen cap and guitar at Grand Central, a long way from the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan where he once served. He sang a mellow "Sunday Morning" by Maroon 5.

Drummer Louis Conselatore, an Ivy League law school graduate who worked as an ordained Unitarian minister, played his five-minute stint with two other

musicians who call themselves the Viva Vallenato Badass Accordion Band.

"Two of us are Italians, one of us is Puerto Rican, and we're all from New Jersey and we fell in love with Colombian music," said Phil "Felipe" Pasantino, the accordionist. "It has a rhythm that's very infectious and makes people dance and laugh. It's a peasant's music, poor people's music that springs

from the soul."

Three hundred performers entered the Music Under New York contest months ago to even be selected for Tuesday's live, six-hour contest. The jury picks about two dozen winners to be dispersed at subway spots around the city to rake in as much as hundreds of dollars a day. It's illegal for unapproved artists to perform in the subway system.

Anti-Muslim film back up on YouTube after court ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—An anti-Muslim film that sparked violence in the Middle East and death threats to actors was reposted to YouTube on Tuesday, a day after a federal appeals court ruled the website should not have been forced to take it down.

The roughly 14-minute trailer for "Innocence of Muslims" was reposted by a YouTube user.

YouTube is owned by Google, which declined comment.

Monday's court ruling by an 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cleared the way for YouTube to remove filters blocking users from posting the clip on its site.

The panel said a previous decision by a smaller group of judges from the same court ordering Google to take the film down gave "short shrift" to the

First Amendment and constituted prior restraint—a prohibition on free speech before it takes place.

The smaller panel ordered YouTube to take the clip down last year in response to a copyright claim by an actress who appeared in the film. The film, however, could still be found elsewhere online.

Actress Cindy Lee Garcia sought to have the clip removed from YouTube after receiving death threats.

Garcia was paid \$500 to appear in a movie called "Desert Warrior" that she believed had nothing to do with religion. But she ended up in a five-second scene in which her voice was dubbed over and her character asked if Muhammad was a child molester.

Her lawyer argued she had a copyright claim to the low-budget film.

Google countered that Garcia had no such claim because the filmmaker wrote the dialogue, managed the production and dubbed over her lines.

The larger 9th Circuit panel said it was sympathetic to Garcia's concerns, but copyright law is not intended to protect people from the type of harm Garcia claimed to have suffered, including death threats.

The court cited a decision by the U.S. Copyright Office that denied Garcia's copyright claim to the film.

Garcia's attorney, Cris Armenta, said her client would likely not appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court in part because of financial considerations.

The film's writer and director, Mark Basseley Youssef, initially posted the trailer on YouTube in 2012, according to the appeals court.



AP

Rebekah Butler, whose stage name is "Becka Jay," plays solo violin as she auditions for judges in Grand Central Terminal's Vanderbilt Hall in New York, Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

Kanye West says he was 'over-censored' at Billboard Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kanye West is apologizing to TV viewers who saw his performance on the Billboard Music Awards.

The rapper released a statement Tuesday saying he was

"grossly over-censored" during his performance on the show. He says some of his lyrics were muted for 30 seconds, which misrepresented his voice and performance.

The audience at Las Vegas'

Law journal publishes special issue examining 'Breaking Bad'

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP)—A University of New Mexico School of Law student journal has published a special issue analyzing legal issues related to the story line of AMC's "Breaking Bad"—and what might have happened if the real-life legal system was imposed on the fictional characters.

An edition of the *New Mexico Law Review* released this week looks at the war on drugs, the hypothetical arrest of Walter White and questionable practices of defense lawyer Saul Goodman from the television series that generated an international cult following.

Editor Matthew Zidovsky said students wanted to use the fictional show to discuss serious legal issues like the Fourth Amendment and professional lawyer ethics—all features that were central to the series.

"The whole point of the issue is to create a legal dialogue in New Mexico," Zidovsky said. "Because we know the show so well, it's easy to break down the legal questions that come up."

"Breaking Bad" follows former high school teacher Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston, producing methamphetamine with a former student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul.

Bob Odenkirk plays sleazy attorney Saul Goodman, who defends drug lords, criminals and those allegedly injured in minor traffic accidents.

Zidovsky said when he watched the show as a law stu-

dent, he and other students spotted a number of legal problems, from the way Drug Enforcement Administration agents violate constitutional laws during investigations to the unethical lawyering by Saul, who launders money for drug kingpins.

"He was so over the top," Zidovsky said. "Anything he would do was beyond what is allowed as a professional lawyer."

Among the articles in the review is a piece by Western State College of Law professor Elizabeth Jones who compares the questionable police tactics by officers in "Breaking Bad" to the U.S. Justice Department's harsh report into Albuquerque police over excessive force.

Another piece by Utah State University political science professor Greg Goelzhauser looks at the potential prosecution of Walter White to examine how states with no death penalty may affect federal death penalty cases. New Mexico, where "Breaking Bad" is set, does not have the death penalty any longer.

Zidovsky said that article is timely because it comes a week after a federal jury in Boston determined that convicted Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should get the death penalty in the 2013 attack. Three people were killed and more than 260 were injured when Tsarnaev and his brother placed two pressure-cooker bombs near the marathon finish line.

Massachusetts abolished its state death penalty in 1984.



MGM Grand Garden Arena booed as West performed his songs "All Day" and "Black Skinhead" at Sunday's ceremony, which was broadcast on ABC.

West's statement apologizes to the television audience, who he says was "unable to enjoy the performance the way he envisioned."

ABC did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

AP

Kanye West performs at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena on Sunday, May 17, 2015, in Las Vegas.

Sam Smith undergoes successful vocal cord surgery in Boston



In this Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, file photo, Sam Smith poses for photographers upon arrival at the Elle Style Awards in London.

BOSTON (AP)—Grammy Award winner Sam Smith has undergone successful vocal cord surgery at a Boston hospital.

Massachusetts General Hospital said in a statement Tuesday—the singer's 23rd birthday—that he is expected to make a full recovery.

The surgery to stop recurrent vocal cord bleeding was performed by Dr. Steven Zeitels, who has performed the same procedure on Steven Tyler, Lionel Richie and Adele.

Smith's song "Stay With Me" won Grammys for song and record of the year and he also was named best new artist in February. The British singer's "In the Lonely Hour" was named best pop vocal album.

According to the hospital, Smith's condition was the result of unstable blood vessels in the vocal cord that can rupture and make it difficult to speak and almost impossible to sing.

Smith's next live show is scheduled for July 18.

Hungarian writer Krasznahorkai wins the Man Booker Int'l Prize

LONDON (AP)—Acclaimed Hungarian writer Laszlo Krasznahorkai has been awarded the 2015 Man Booker International Prize in a ceremony at London's Victoria and Albert Museum.

He is the sixth winner of the prize, which is awarded every two years to a living author for their fictional body of work. Previous winners have included Alice Munro and Philip Roth. Krasznahorkai is renowned for

"Satantango" and "The Melancholy of Resistance."

Marina Warner, who chaired the judging panel, said Krasznahorkai is "a visionary writer of extraordinary intensity and vocal range who captures the texture of present-day existence in scenes that are terrifying, strange, appallingly comic, and often shatteringly beautiful."

Krasznahorkai will receive 60,000 pounds (\$93,000).

Sarah Palin says daughter Bristol's wedding called off

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin says her daughter, Bristol, won't marry Medal of Honor recipient Dakota Meyer this month.

The former Republican vice presidential candidate wrote Monday on her verified Facebook account that the two said the wedding planned for May 23 will no longer be held. She didn't provide a reason.

Bristol Palin announced the engagement in March, saying

in a blog post that Meyer came to Alaska to film the "Amazing America" reality show with her mother last year.

Meyer was awarded the Medal of Honor in 2011. The Kentucky native is credited with saving the lives of 36 Marines, U.S. soldiers and Afghan soldiers, providing cover for them to find their way out of a firefight with the Taliban.

Family attorney John Tiemesen didn't immediately return an email or voicemail message.



Bristol

Being a good listener is the best way to be heard

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Tired of Talking to Myself" (Feb. 13), whose husband's ears slam shut when she begins to speak. This is not a problem that's exclusive to men. Women do it as well. As a retired PA (physician's assistant), when talking with patients, I would refer to it as selective hearing loss.

"Tired" needs to look at her own behavior because I have never seen one partner be the only guilty one. My wife can hear the ticking of the turn signal that wasn't turned off, but she doesn't always hear my questions or statements.

There are many reasons why it happens, but the way to resolve it is to listen when your partner talks to you. If you do, you will find that he/she returns the courtesy. Perhaps if "Tired" gives a closer look to her own behavior, she'll stop referring to it as a male problem.

FRANK IN PORTLAND, TEXAS

DEAR FRANK: Thanks for your letter. When I asked readers for input, they heard me loud and clear and gave me an "earful":

DEAR ABBY: Focus is a strength for many men like me. I am a little hard of hearing and need to focus on what I am listening to. If you want open ears, hold my hands and make sure I am looking at your face. You will now have my attention. Tell me what you want

from me. I want you to be happy and will do what I can for you.
A LITTLE HARD OF HEARING (CHUCK)

DEAR ABBY: Some researchers say women speak about 13,000 more words a day than men do. There's a joke that explains it's because we have to say everything twice!

JENNY IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY: Men have no patience. They only want to hear a brief, straight-to-the-point version. Women tend to tell the story from beginning to end with every detail explained so nothing is misunderstood. When men hear us talk, they will say all they hear is blah, blah, blah. "Tired," if you try to be patient and use the abridged version, maybe communication will get easier with fewer repeats.

HEIDI IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: I wonder what kind of things she's saying to him. There's a saying I have found to be true: "Men marry women and hope they never change. Women marry men and hope they will change."

I have been married for 35 years and recently my wife has started pointing out every little thing I do that she thinks I should do differently. I have reached the point that when she starts one of her observations, I say, "Could you add it to your list and put it somewhere?"

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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and that's the end of the conversation. Nit-picking does not make for a great marriage.

TIM IN ARIZONA

DEAR ABBY: There are three words men always respond to: sex, food and money—not always in that order. Use one of those words when talking to them and you'll always get a response.

BETH IN THE SOUTH

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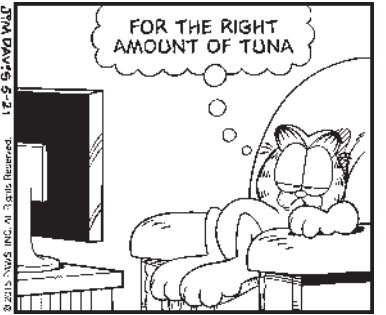
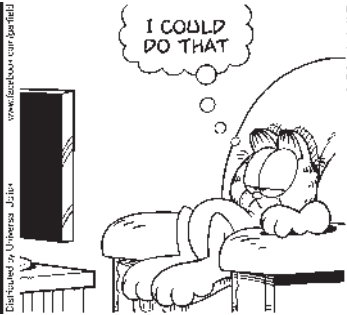
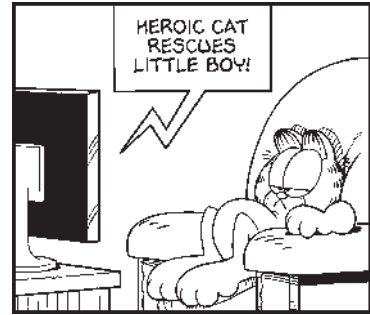
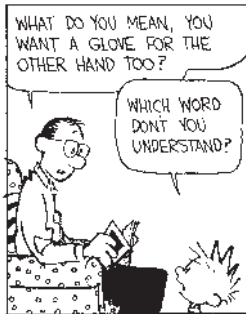
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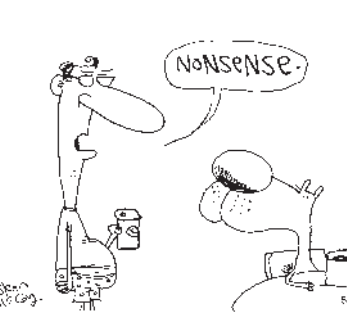
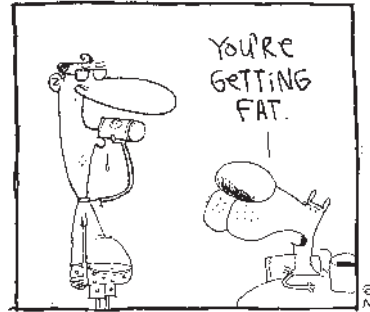
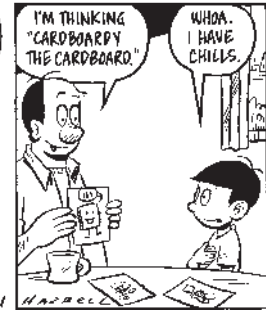
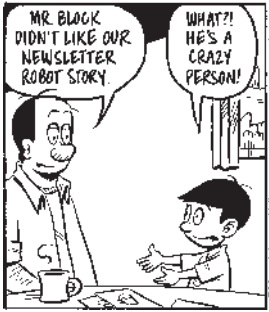


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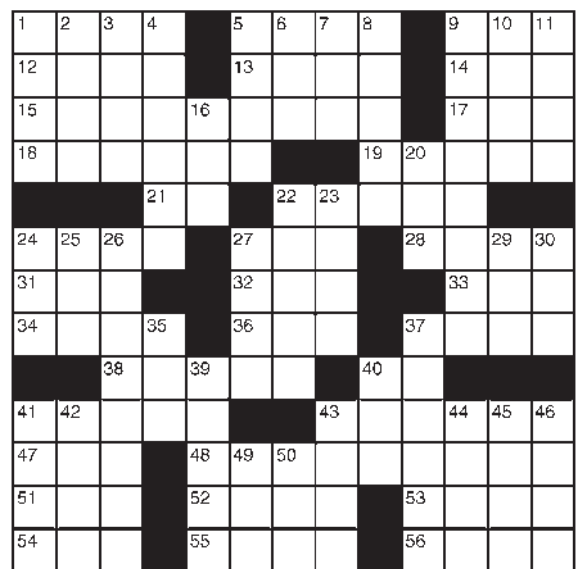
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42 Carry on
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44 Taj Mahal city
45 Anything but that
46 Greek vowels
49 Have bills
50 Allow

Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 5-21



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't spend money you don't have on home or self-improvements. It's time to get organized and sell off items you don't use. Get your finances in order and put a realistic budget in place. A positive change is heading your way. ☼☼

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do something out of the ordinary and you will be inspired by the people you encounter along the way. Love and romance are encouraged, so don't pass up a chance to spend time with someone special. A business venture will be prosperous. ☼☼☼

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a serious approach to whatever you do. Consider how you can get ahead professionally, financially and personally. A change will help you recognize what you can eliminate and what you should add to your life. ☼☼

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be daunted by a last-minute change someone makes. Letting your emotions take over will cause you to miss something you really

wanted to attend. Focus on your needs and enjoy doing the things that make you happy. ☼☼☼

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got what it takes to make things happen. Your insight and energy will allow you to make contributions that will boost your popularity and put you in the running for advancement. Turn something you do well into a profitable service. ☼☼☼

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set today aside for silent observation. Don't let anyone goad you into a debate. Added responsibilities will weigh you down. Put your time, effort and energy into making changes that will benefit you personally. ☼☼☼

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotions will flare up if someone is pushy or tries to get you to do something you don't care to do. Educational pursuits are encouraged. What you discover could lead to changes and opportunities that will improve your life. ☼☼

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you put your effort into creative endeavors or spending time with a loved one, you will enrich your life. Refuse to let the demands an older individual puts on you take away from your chance to use your imagination or pursuing love. ☼☼☼☼

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay on top of whatever is going on around you personally or professionally. You'll be restricted if you don't play by the rules. Don't let someone corner you by using false information. Do your due diligence and make your own decisions. ☼☼☼

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An unanticipated change will upset your emotional well-being and threaten an important partnership. Remain calm when it comes to a dispute and you will avoid being blamed for meddling. Thoughtfulness and affection will help eliminate bad feelings. ☼☼☼



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your innovative ideas and desire to experiment will lead to unexpected profits. A new approach to an old hobby or talent will put you in a key position when it comes to negotiating a position that interests you. ☼☼☼



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can turn a dream into a reality if you develop and nurture what you want to pursue. Love will rely heavily on what you do and not what you say. Don't make a promise you cannot deliver. ☼☼☼☼



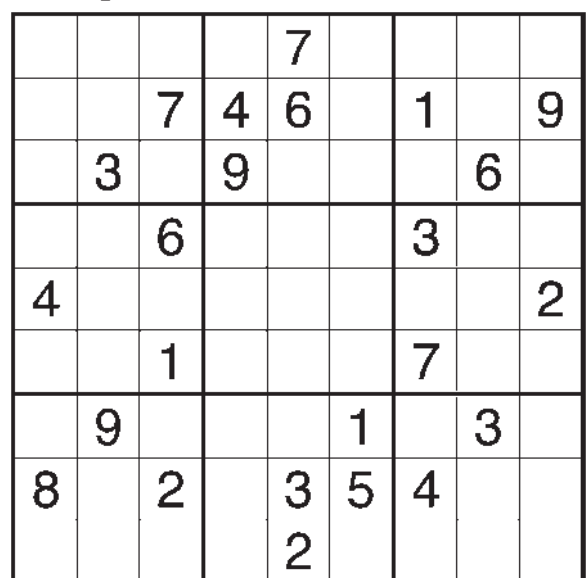
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By Dave Green

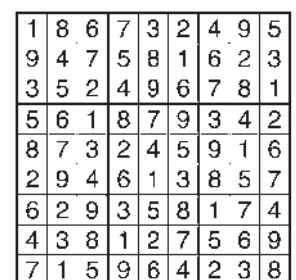


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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Solution: 7 letters



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Warriors rally past Rockets in Game 1 of West finals



OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Down big at home, the Golden State Warriors went small.

It turned out to make a huge difference.

Stephen Curry hit two free throws in the final seconds to finish with 34 points, and the Warriors rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second quarter to beat the Houston Rockets 110-106 on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

With the Rockets seemingly ready to rout the home team, the Warriors used a smaller lineup featuring 6-foot-7 Draymond Green at center and closed the first half on a 21-4 run. Shaun Livingston scored 14 of his 18 points in the quarter, helping Golden State go ahead 58-55 at halftime.

The Warriors held off James Harden and Houston in the fourth quarter again behind their undersized lineup, which worked especially well after Rockets center Dwight Howard departed with a left knee injury.

"It really stretches people out," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said of his lineup full of shooters. "Houston does the same thing. It was an interesting chess match, because they like to go small and we like to go small."

Harden, the runner-up to Curry in the MVP voting, nearly brought the Rockets back without Howard in the fourth. Harden finished with 28 points, 11 rebounds, nine assists and four steals, but his late push fell short.

"You can't give a really good shooting team easy layups and confidence," said Harden, who shot 11 of 20 from the field.



AP
Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry celebrates a score against the Houston Rockets during the second half of Game 1 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in Oakland, Calif. T

"That's what we did in the second quarter."

Game 2 is Thursday night in Oakland, and it's unclear if Howard can play. Howard doesn't think the injury will sideline him for the series.

"Hopefully Dwight is healthy and we can play big," Rockets coach Kevin McHale said. "We didn't have that option with Dwight out."

Harden, serenaded with chants of "Over-rated!" from Warriors fans, mixed in a series of step-back jumpers and driving layups to help Houston even the score at 95-all midway through the fourth.

But the Warriors shut down Houston for long stretches, and Curry kept hitting shots to match Harden's brilliance. Curry connected on a 3-pointer and converted a layup to put Golden State up 108-97 with 2:01 remaining.

"It's entertaining basketball. We're both supposed to help our team win and do what we can to impact the game," said Curry, whose 2-year-old daughter Riley, playfully interrupted him during his post-game news conference.

The Rockets never relented, though, with Trevor Ariza making a 3-pointer that trimmed the Warriors' lead to 108-106 with 14.6 seconds to play.

Curry twice caught the inbounds pass, and the Rockets were forced to foul him both times. He hit both free throws to seal Golden State's win.

"When we go small, it's not

necessarily small. We have guys out there that can guard multiple positions," Livingston said. "From there, it's just feeding off our crowd."

Curry added six rebounds and five assists, and Green had 13 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists to boost the Warriors when they needed it most.

Ariza scored 20 points and Josh Smith had 17 points and seven rebounds for the Rockets.

In the conference finals for the first time since 1976, the Warriors hardly looked like the league's top-seeded team at the outset. Instead, the Rockets rode the momentum from a stunning 3-1 series comeback against the Los Angeles Clippers that ended with a Game 7 win in Houston on Sunday.

The only setback to Houston's hot start came when Howard briefly left in the first quarter after colliding with Smith. Howard returned after a few minutes, and the Rockets raced out to a 49-33 lead midway through the second quarter that left the home fans stunned and silent.

That didn't last long.

With Andrew Bogut in foul trouble and the Rockets rolling on both ends, the Warriors put Green—the runner-up for NBA Defensive Player of the Year—at center and spread the court with shooters.

Green helped get stops, Livingston scored 14 points in the quarter and Curry capped the spurt with a step-back 20-footer that sent the crowd roaring even louder. Fans later broke out in chants of "M-V-P!" as the Warriors sprinted to the locker room with a 58-55 lead.

They never trailed again.

"When you try to keep your big in against our small lineup," Green said. "It's rough."

Timberwolves win draft lottery, Lakers move to No. 2

NEW YORK (AP)—The Minnesota Timberwolves too often came to the NBA draft lottery and left in worse shape than they arrived.

And when they finally ended years of lottery futility, it came from the spot where nobody had been winning.

The Timberwolves won the lottery Tuesday night, the first time since 2004 the team with the worst record earned the No. 1 pick.

After years of bad luck, things finally worked out for the Wolves, who can perhaps choose between big men Karl-Anthony Towns of Kentucky and Jahlil Okafor of national champion Duke to put next to Rookie of the Year Andrew Wiggins.

"We're in this for big stakes," said Flip Saunders, the Wolves' president and coach. "The big thing about this is getting good talent that can blend together.

This is another big step."

The Los Angeles Lakers moved from the fourth spot to second, keeping a pick they would have sent to Philadelphia if it fell outside the top five. The 76ers are third followed by the New York Knicks, who had the second-best odds of winning but instead fell to fourth 30 years after winning the first lottery and drafting Hall of Famer Patrick Ewing.

Not since Orlando won the right to pick Dwight Howard in 2004 had the NBA's ultimate game of chance come out in favor of the team with the best odds. The Timberwolves had a 25 percent chance of landing the top pick in the draft to be held in New York on June 25, after finishing 16-66.

But their fans knew not to get their hopes up after the Wolves had fallen backward eight times previously, including both times they were in the pole position.

A chance at Shaquille O'Neal turned into Christian Laettner in 1992, and they fell one spot in 2011 to miss out on Kyrie Irving.

"Today was very nerve wracking. I really didn't anticipate that it would go this way," owner Glen Taylor said. "People say you have a 25 percent to win but I always look at it that there's a 75 percent chance that someone else is going to win. I just feel very honored that we have the chance to be in this position."

Several hundred fans gathered to watch on the big screen at Target Center in Minneapolis and erupted when the Lakers card came out of the envelope for No. 2, meaning Minnesota had finally earned the top pick for the first time.

The Lakers were the other big winners even without moving all the way to the top. Their pick was only protected in the top five as a condition of their trade

with Phoenix for Steve Nash in 2012. That was dealt this season to the 76ers, who could have ended up with two top-six picks if the Lakers had fallen backward two spots.

"I told our guys earlier today that I had a real good feeling about tonight," Lakers coach Byron Scott said. "I hope not to be back here anytime soon, but I'm happy the way things turned out tonight."

So was superstar Kobe Bryant, who ended his tweet after seeing the results with (hash) lakerluck and (hash) goodday.

The lottery sets the top three picks. The remainder of the 14 non-playoff teams follow in inverse order of their won-loss record.

Things went according to form until the Knicks slid. General manager Steve Mills hoped history could repeat by wearing Dave DeBusschere's Naismith Memorial Basketball

Hall of Fame ring, which DeBusschere was wearing as the Knicks' GM when they won the 1985 lottery.

"Obviously, we would have liked to receive a higher pick but we went into this knowing that anywhere between one and five we were going to get a good pick," Mills said.

The lottery began 30 years ago as a way to discourage teams from losing on purpose as a way to secure the top pick. Tanking may still exist—the 76ers have appeared to be angling for the draft with no regard for their record the last couple of seasons—but the Wolves appeared to lose honestly while battling numerous injuries with a young roster.

Their victory, with Taylor on stage, was only the fifth time the team that finished with the worst, or tied for the worst record, won the lottery.

Saunders, who got emotional

talking about the recent death of his father, joked that the Wolves shouldn't have waited so long to have Taylor represent them. He almost didn't, as he sought to have his wife, Becky, do it but the league sent a memo saying it didn't want family on stage.

"Glen, reluctantly I think, went up there," Saunders said. "He's good luck. Glen always has a tendency to be pretty lucky. He did what he had to do."

The Cleveland Cavaliers had won the last two and three of the previous four lotteries since LeBron James left them for Miami in 2010. They drafted Wiggins last year but dealt him, along with 2013 No. 1 Anthony Bennett, to the Wolves in the deal for Kevin Love.

With James back home, the Cavaliers are in the Eastern Conference finals and Miami was in the lottery, and the Heat held in the No. 10 spot where they entered.

The Heat's pick would have gone to Philadelphia if they fell out of the top 10.

Zimmerman's HR off Miller in 10th leads Nats past Yanks



WASHINGTON (AP) — Ryan Zimmerman's two-run shot with two outs in the 10th inning off Yankees closer Andrew Miller, who hadn't allowed a run this season, lifted the Washington Nationals to an 8-6 comeback victory over AL East-leading New York on Tuesday night.

Zimmerman's fifth homer this season—and 10th game-ending homer of his career—made a winner of Matt Grace (2-0), who threw the 10th.

Miller (0-1) had converted his first 13 save chances of 2015.

Bryce Harper hit one of Washington's three solo shots, giving him an NL-high 15 homers this season.

The Nationals have won three games in a row and improved to 13-4 in May. The Yankees, meanwhile, have lost six of their last seven games.

Giants 2, Dodgers 0

In San Francisco, Buster Posey drove in a run, Tim Hudson allowed five hits over 6 1-3 innings and San Francisco won its fourth straight.

Joe Panik and Angel Pagan had two hits each for the Giants, who have won 11 of their past 14 home games.

Alex Guerrero had two hits for the Dodgers, who have lost four of six overall and five of seven to the Giants.

Hudson (2-3) did not allow a run for the first time since his first start of the season on April 9. He walked two and struck out two.

Carlos Frias (3-1) retired the first two batters of the third inning before consecutive singles from Panik, Pagan and Posey, who has an 11-game hitting streak, produced a run.

Sergio Romo, the Giants' fourth pitcher of the seventh inning, retired Howie Kendrick on a comebacker with the bases loaded to keep the shutout intact.

Cardinals 10, Mets 2

In New York, Randal Grichuk had three extra base hits and drove in three runs a night after striking out five times, Mark Reynolds homered among his three hits and St. Louis teed off on New York starter Jonathon Niese a victory.

Michael Wacha (6-0) gave up a two-run homer to Daniel Murphy in seven innings of four-hit ball to join the Mets' Bartolo Colon and Seattle's Felix Hernandez for most wins in the majors. The six wins are a career-high for the 23-year-old right-hander.

Cardinals manager Matheny loaded his lineup with right-handers to face the lefty Niese, leaving Jason Heyward, Matt Carpenter and Matt Adams on the bench.

Royals 3, Reds 0

In Kansas City, Mo., Yordano Ventura, Kelvin Herrera and Wade Davis combined on a four-hitter for Kansas City.



Washington Nationals second baseman Danny Espinosa (8) falls over New York Yankees' Mark Teixeira (25) who is out at second, but breaks up the double play attempt, during the fourth inning of an interleague baseball game at Nationals Park, Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in Washington.

The Royals, who beat the New York Yankees 6-0 on Sunday, logged consecutive shutouts for the first time since Sept. 29-30, 1992, when Dennis Rasmussen and Rick Reed blanked the California Angels.

Ventura (3-3), who was 0-3 in his five previous starts since a victory on April 12, allowed four singles, struck out six and walked none. He reached a three-ball count on only four hitters and retired all of them, lowering his ERA to 4.56.

Herrera gave up a walk in the eighth, but nothing else. Davis worked a spotless ninth, claiming his seventh save in as many opportunities.

Mike Moustakas went 3 for 4 with two doubles and drove in two runs.

Padres 4, Cubs 3

In San Diego, Derek Norris hit a two-run double with one out in the eighth and James Shields struck out 11 in seven innings to lead San Diego to a victory against Chicago.

The Padres snapped a three-game losing streak in which they scored only six runs.

Although he got a no-decision, Shields reached double digits in strikeouts for the second time in five games. He held Chicago to two runs on six hits, including homers by Chris Coghlan and Dexter Fowler.

Coghlan also homered off closer Craig Kimbrel with two outs in the ninth, his sixth. It was his fourth career multi-homer game.

With runners on the corners in the eighth, Norris doubled to left off Pedro Strop, who had just replaced James Russell (0-1).

Indians 3, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Trevor Bauer pitched

four-hit ball into the eighth inning for his third solid outing against the White Sox this season, helping Cleveland snap Chicago's season-high six-game winning streak.

Brandon Moss homered for Cleveland. Michael Brantley and Jose Ramirez each drove in a run.

Bauer (3-1) continued his mastery of the White Sox, retiring his first 11 batters. He allowed one run and struck out seven in 7 1-3 innings.

The right-hander improved to 2-0 against the White Sox this season. He has permitted just three runs and 12 hits while striking out 22 in 20 1-3 innings against them.

Chicago starter Jose Quintana (2-4) gave up two runs in seven innings, scattering eight hits and four walks.

Rays 5, Braves 3

In Atlanta, Erasmo Ramirez won his second straight start, Asdrubal Cabrera homered and Tampa Bay beat Atlanta.

Evan Longoria and Logan Forsythe both drove in a run for Tampa Bay, which has won two straight and five of seven.

Ramirez (2-1) gave up two hits, three runs and two walks and struck out five in five innings. The right-hander has a 2.25 ERA over his last nine appearances, including three starts.

Brad Boxberger pitched the ninth, earning his 11th save in as many chances.

All of the Rays' runs came off Braves starter Mike Foltznewicz (2-1).

Astros 6, Athletics 4

In Houston, Chris Carter and Colby Rasmus each hit two-run homers, Roberto Hernandez pitched six strong innings to help Houston beat Oakland.

Carter hit his homer off the

facade in left in the second to give Houston a 2-0 lead, and Rasmus launched his homer to right in the eighth to extend the Astros' advantage to 5-2.

Two batters after Rasmus, Jason Castro added a solo home run to right.

Roberto Hernandez (2-3) gave up two runs and seven hits with three strikeouts for his first win in four starts. He has gone at least six innings in each of his last seven starts.

Pat Neshek got the final out for his first save.

Houston (26-14) has the best record in the American League and is off to its best start in franchise history through 40 games.

Twins 8, Pirates 5

In Pittsburgh, Brian Dozier got things started with a home run in the first inning and Trevor Plouffe hit a two-run shot in a six-run second as Minnesota built an early 7-0 lead then held on to beat Pittsburgh.

The highlight for the Pirates came in the bottom of the Twins' big second inning.

Pedro Alvarez hit a 461-foot home run that landed in a boat docked along the Allegheny River beyond the right-field stands. Alvarez became just the third player to reach the water on the fly since PNC Park opened in 2001.

Ricky Nolasco (4-1) made it through 5 1-3 shaky innings to win his fourth straight start.

Francisco Liriano (1-4) gave up both home runs and was tagged for seven runs in just two innings.

Orioles 9, Mariners 4

In Baltimore, Jimmy Paredes homered and had a career-high four RBIs, and Baltimore overcame a home run by former teammate Nelson Cruz in a vic-

tory over Seattle.

Paredes singled in two runs in the fourth inning and added a two-run drive off Danny Farquhar (0-2) in the sixth.

Returning to Camden Yards for the first time since signing as a free agent with Seattle in December, Cruz hit his major-league leading 16th homer with two on in the third to give the Mariners a 4-1 lead.

Cruz led the majors with 40 home runs in 2014, his only season with the Orioles. He received a warm reception and chants of "Cruuuz!" from the crowd of 19,494 before his first at-bat.

Brewers 8, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Ryan Braun, Adam Lind and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive home runs in a six-run third inning, Jimmy Nelson pitched eight strong innings, and Milwaukee beat Detroit.

Braun drove in four runs and Carlos Gomez had three hits and two RBIs for Milwaukee, which has won the first two games of the three-game series.

Nelson (2-4) gave up a run and three hits, walked four and struck out five.

Tigers starter and loser Anibal Sanchez (3-5) gave up seven runs on seven hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Angels 3, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, David Freese drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning, and Los Angeles beat Toronto for its sixth victory in eight games.

Hector Santiago (3-2) pitched seven innings to win for the first time since April 21. He allowed two runs, one earned, and four hits.

Joe Smith pitched the eighth and Huston Street finished for his 13th save.

Josh Donaldson hit a solo home run for Toronto, which has lost eight of 10.

Blue Jays right-hander Aaron Sanchez (3-4) allowed three runs and six hits in a career-high 7 1-3 innings.

Diamondbacks 4, Marlins 2

In Miami, A.J. Pollock had a pinch-hit, tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning to lift Arizona to a win over struggling Miami.

Daniel Hudson (1-1) pitched two innings to earn the victory and Enrique Burgos got his second save one day after picking up his first.

Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton hit his 12th home run of the season and fourth in the last five games. Miami lost its fifth straight and second in two days under new manager Dan Jennings.

Mike Dunn (0-3) issued the pivotal homer to Pollock, who hit the first pitch he saw just over the left-field wall down the line.

Red Sox 4, Rangers 3

In Boston, David Ortiz and Mike Napoli each homered and drove in two runs, Wade Miley pitched seven strong innings and Boston beat Texas.

Boston got a scare when Leonys Martin led off the ninth with a pinch-hit homer off Koji Uehara, ending the closer's streak of eight straight hitless appearances. Uehara, however, held on for his 10th save in 11 opportunities.

After going 5-5 on their road trip, the Red Sox got off to a strong start on their six-game homestand with one run and four hits in the first inning while Miley (3-4) held the Rangers scoreless through the fifth.

Boston took a 1-0 lead in the first against Yovani Gallardo (3-6) when Dustin Pedroia doubled with one out and scored on a single by Ortiz. Singles by Hanley Ramirez and Pablo Sandoval loaded the bases, but all three runners were stranded.

Rockies 6, Phillies 5

In Denver, Nick Hundley hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth inning and Colorado snapped Philadelphia's six-game winning streak.

Hundley lined a 1-2 pitch from reliever Justin De Fratus (0-1) into the seats in left-center. Hundley also had an RBI single in the first.

Scott Oberg (2-1) earned the win by getting the Rockies out of a jam in the eighth. John Axford pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save as a steady mist began to fall.

The first pitch was delayed 17 minutes by rain that was supposed to hit the area, only to miss. The Rockies have now been interrupted by weather at Coors Field six times in the last three weeks, including four postponements.

New winners in SBA May roll-offs

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Saipan Bowling Association's Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament for May produced first-time winners in Edward Baluyan and Tess Fabie.

Baluyan lorded it over in the 19-player field to take his first King of the Lanes monthly plum and join the company of previous winners Raymond Angeles (January and February) and Robert Talavera (March and April). Baluyan collected 838 pinfalls in four games, built around his field-best 276 in Game 3 and 198, 176, and 188 in three other games, to run away with the May crown. He won by 52 pinfalls against Percy Omechelang and was the lone bowler to knock down at least 800 pins.

Omechelang was the Day 1 leader (last Sunday) of this month's roll-offs with his four-game total of 786 pinfalls (232, 169, 198, and 187) before Baluyan came to play last Monday and grabbed the upper hand with his 209.50 average. Omechelang averaged 196.50 to settle for the runner-up honors, as his Day 2 total 738 (183, 184, 179, and 19) was not enough to bring him back to the top spot. Bowlers are allowed to compete on both days of the tournament, but only the higher scored is counted for the rankings.

Joining Omechelang and Baluyan in the Top 3 was former youth bowler M.J. Aldan, who only participated in the Sunday competition and netted 763 pinfalls (172, 200, 169, and 222).

Other bowlers who com-



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May Budweiser King of the Lanes Edward Baluyan is flanked by runners-up Percy Omechelang, right, and M.J. Aldan, left, during the awards ceremony for the monthly roll-off last Monday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

pleted in the King of the Lanes roll-offs were Bernard Paraiso (757), Robert Talavera (753), Raul Dumapit (737), Raphael Zapanta (733), Ariel Dumapit (725), Simon Manacop (719), Angeles (718), Edgar Abalos (699), Ruselle Zapanta (699), Tony Verdaguer (692), Ador Dimaano (692), Jerry Kaneshi (687), Ramir De Leon (660), Lito Teodoro (655), Roger Vales (633), and Ronald Batac (588).

In the Queen of the Lanes, Fabie also stood out, as she was the only player in her field

to post at least 700 pinfalls. She gained 715 and averaged 178.75 after tallying 166, 182, 179, and 188 in four games last Sunday and winning by 25 pinfalls against Percy's wife and April winner Gloria.

Gloria, who also bowled last Sunday and registered only a third-best 658 pinfalls, returned to SBC last Monday, but failed to surpass Fabie's Day 1 total. Omechelang recorded only 690 pinfalls, falling short in her bid to overtake Fabie after a so-so performance in the first two

games (164 and 160). She had 187 and 179 in the last two for an average of 172.50.

Crucial three weeks in Thursday billiards

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Wild Bill's defeated Route 33 Alamo Car Rental, 9-6, in their match up last week's to make things more exciting in the last three play dates of the Budweiser-Saipan Billiards Association Open 8-Ball Thursday League.

Nong Detdon, Victor Formales, Oliver Gragasins, and Rey Pinangay—with Wild Bill's holding on to a 7-5 lead—delivered the two wins that sealed their win against the league leaders to improve their record to 127-98.

Route 33, despite the loss, still enjoys a five-game edge against Wild Bill's at 132-93. The Abyss-backed teams—Rack 'N' Roll (124-101) and Titans (123-102)—are third and fourth.

The last three weeks remain unpredictable and anything

Yho Villavicencio also joined last Monday's contest and managed to save third place after logging 668 pinfalls (201, 132, 162, and 173). Completing the May roll-offs participants were February and March winner

Diana Camacho (667), Diana's daughter Carrie (645), Janice Camacho (627), January winner Diane Chong (620), Ron Cal (611), Elena Soll (594), Gigi Zapanta (593), and Kathy Mer-sai (584).

could still happen with Wild Bill's, the Rack 'N' Roll, and the Titans threatening Route 33's title hopes.

The Titans went back into title contention after winning by default against the cellar-dwelling Barcode Breakers (64-161), 15-0, while the Hobbies Deadshot (111-114) trounced Jonny's Team SCS (92-133), 11-4.

The Rack 'N' Roll defeated the Jokers Homeboyz (11-106), 10-5, while the Wonderpool Aces (114-11) escaped with an 8-7 decision over the Smoke Pub Magic 8-Ball (119-106).

Route 33 hopes to widen its lead over its closest pursuers when they visit the Rack 'N' Roll tonight, while Wild Bill's takes on the Deadshot. Team SCS will host the Magic 8-Ball and the Homeboyz collided with the Breakers while the Titans clash with the Wonderpool Aces.

In the Tuesday League, the Smoke Pub Armatech Hustlers scored an easy 12-3 decision over the Abyss Homeboyz II to keep its hold of the top spot with a 134-91 card and dropping their opponents further down the cellar at 84-141.

The Jokers IT&E Voyagers are five games behind at 129-96 following a 10-5 trouncing of the Abyss Crazy 8 (112-113), while the Jokers STR8 Shooters (110-115) clipped the Smoke Pub Ali'I Destroyers (106-119), 10-5.

Results of the matches between the Shooters and the Crazy 8, Destroyers and Hustlers, and Voyagers and Homeboyz II are not yet available at press time.

Next week, May 26, the Voyagers will meet the Shooters and the Destroyers will battle with the Homeboyz II, while the Hustlers play against the Crazy 8.

All-Schools resume today

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The Public School System/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship resume its finals starting today after being cancelled last week due to Tropical Storm Dolphin passing through the Marianas.

Today's events will be held at the Oleai Sports Complex with

the championship moving to the Hopwood Junior High School grounds on Friday and Saturday.

Close to 400 kids in the boys' and girls' Under-8, U10, U12, U14, and U18 divisions will be competing in various running and field events where the top three finishers to be awarded medals.

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their lead to 73-66 with 65 ticks left.

An Eric Dela Rosa twinner and a Bartley Demapan layup, which sandwiched an Aranda split free throw, had PIC threatening for the last time at 71-73 with 25 seconds to go.

Matt Duenas, who got free from the PIC defense, sealed Fiesta's win with his own layup.

Fiesta led from the opening tip as it found an answer to every PIC rally to keep their opponents at bay.

Pagarao scattered 28 points to lead all scorers, while Duenas scored 13 of his 18 points in the first half where Fiesta enjoyed a 40-32 lead at the break.

Esdrelon had an all around

game of 12 points, 11 rebounds, nine assists, and two steals. Nonato made nine markers and collected a team-high 17 boards.

Aranda led PIC's losing cause 20 points with Demapan scoring 15 and grabbing nine rebounds. Sam Kosow had a double-double of 11 markers and 18 rebounds.

Fiesta 75 – Pagarao 28, Duenas 18, Esdrelon 12, Nonato 9, Matsutaro 4, Arreza 2, Morales 2.

PIC 71 – Aranda 20, Demapan 15, Kosow 11, Hambros 8, Barbo 6, Rabasto 6, Dela Rosa 3, Abuy 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-14, 40-32, 56-49, 75-71.

Miyazaki and Yumi Takemura. Miyazaki and Takemura made it to the next round after ousting the CNMI's Mimi Sakano and Ami Tsukagoshi, 6-0, 6-2.

Meanwhile, in the boys doubles, the Commonwealth's bets bowed out of competition anew, while three of the Top 4 seeds marched on.

The host's Tommy Choi and Luther Lizama absorbed a 0-6, 1-6, loss to Japan's Yusuke Miyai and Rintaro Oka, who advanced to the quarterfinals against top-

ranked Jesse Delaney of Australia and Hong Kong's Ching Lam, a 6-1, 7-6 (6) winner over South Korea's Justin Cheun and American Jack Pulliam.

Robbie Schorr and Ken Song were also eliminated at the top half of the bracket after losing to the fourth-ranked Japanese pair of Tomohiro Masabayashi and Kento Yamada, 6-0, 6-0. The Japan bets' quarterfinals foes are Chinese-Taipei's Yu-Hsiang Su and Hong Kong's Zheng Zhang, who edged

School's Isaiah Aleksenko and Beck Walter are favored to win in their respective events with the former topping the qualifiers in the boys U8 200 meter, 400m, 800m, and 1,500m runs.

Walter had the fastest times in the U8 girls' 60m and 100m runs, while fourth in the 200m and 400m runs.

In the boys' U10 division, Oleai Elementary School's Devin Igisomar and Jonathan Wolf are expected to contend for a podium finish in the sprint events (60m, 100m, and 200m), while Dylan Mister is heavily favored in middle distance (400m, 800m, and 1,500m).

Madelein Sablan and Josephine Villagomez will try to lead Koblerville's charge in the girls U10 division. Sablan is entered in the 60m, 100m, and 200m runs, while Villagomez will try her luck in the 400m, 800m, and 1,500m events.

Others to watch out for are

Oleai's Marty Taisacan and Raven Franciso (boys' U12), and Aiko Rasiang and Nichko Rasiang (girls' U12), and Rintaro Miyawaki (boys U12) of Saipan International School; Dandan Middle School's Sean Delgado and Hopwood Junior High's Noel Cabrera and

Neldrey Skerei, San Antonio Middle School's Tarrence Babauta, and Ken Song of Saipan Community School (boys' U14); Hopwood's Jessme Jones and Chevy Alipio, SAMS' Tyvieann They, and Agape Christian School's Annie Wang.

Marianas High School's Donavin Ada, Jerald Castillo, and Evan Miller (boys' U18), and Zarinah Sapon (girls' U18) are hoping to that their experience in the recently concluded Oceania Athletics Association Championship are enough to help them clinch a podium finish.

Ada won the bronze in boys' shotput in Cairns, Australia;

while Castillo, Miller, and Sapon recorded personal bests in their respective events.

Gabrielle Race and Friendly Joy Pena are also expected to deliver for MHS.

Tinian has sent Covey Mendiola, Moses Reyes, Daniel Alvares (boys' U8), Allayna Sablan (girls' U8); Collin Dela Cruz, Dallace Crawford, Nino Pascua, and Saim Ali (boys' U10, Mikyla Cunanan, Guillermina San Nicolas, and Pritzel Carreon (girls' U10); Chit Accolador (boys' U12) and Cheralaine Epity (girls' U12); Joshua Hofschneider (boys' U14); and Elton Hofschneider, Michael Cabulay, Jayron Epity, Peter Anore, Elvin Borja, Michael Naputi, and Zachariah Hofschneider (boys' U18).

Organizers of the annual All-Schools event would like to thank PSS and McDonald's Saipan, and statisticians Sylvan and Meng Rangamar for painstakingly finalizing the meet rosters and events.

Chinese-Taipei and South Korea are ranked Top 2 in Group A. Chinese-Taipei blanked Guam, 4-0, while South Korea defeated Japan, 2-0.

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had the reigning inter-hotel league champions threatening at 66-67 with 1:55 left.

R.J. Nonato missed his layup attempt giving the ball back to PIC. PIC could have grabbed the lead but Aranda lost the handle of the ball allowing Elmer Esdrelon to pick it up and issue a baseball pass to a running Pagarao, who swooped for uncontested layup to give Fiesta a 69-66 breathing room with time down to 1:28.

PIC flubbed its next offensive try, which Fiesta again capitalized as Pagarao and Esdrelon pushed

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Ong of the Philippines and the CNMI's Tammy Ackerman, while Sugiyama and Yuasa also swept the host's Julia Ishikawa and Malika Miyawaki, 6-0, 6-1.

In the lower half of the draw, No. 2-ranked Nagomi Higashitani and Ayumi Hirata of Japan topped the CNMI's Carol Lee and American Casey Cummings, 6-1, 6-2, to set a quarterfinals date against compatriot Akari

Hong Kong's Alester Magalit and the Philippines' Jerome Romualdez, 4-6, 6-1, 10-6.

Completing the boys doubles quarterfinals cast were Japan's Rimpei Kawakami and Kazuki Shimizu, Germany's Marvin Bockers and Singapore's Enzo Chua, Singapore's Shaheed Alam and Sherwin Foo, and Japan's James Kent Trotter and Shinji Hazawa. Trotter and Hazawa bootied out the CNMI's Colin Ramsey and Singapore's Ga-

briel Chum, 6-1, 6-1.

In other results, four Japanese players notched early quarterfinals berths in the girls singles event, while four others completed the second round qualifiers in the boys singles.

Top-ranked Hirata, Naito, Funa Kozaki, and Hoshino advanced to the Round of 8 after beating their respective foes. Hirata downed Fukumuro, 6-0, 6-0; Naito swept Man, 6-3, 6-0; Fozaki thwarted Sugiyama, 6-3, 6-2; and Hoshino outclassed Liu, 6-2, 7-5.

In the boys singles, Shimizu advanced to the second round after winning over Bockers, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-0) and were joined in the Round of 16 by Oka, Kawakami, and Miyai. Oka prevailed against Hong Kong's Fabien Calloud, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; Kawakami defeated Cheun, 6-1, 6-1; and Miyai slipped past Zhang, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Second round and quarterfinal matches in the boys and girls singles and doubles will be played today.

2015 DLX Invitational Basketball League Finals

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Island Manpower's Pete Lizama, center, splits the defense of Jake's Catering's Bernard Montano, left, and Jerald Rivera during their title game in the 2015 DLX Invitational Basketball League early this month at Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



Island Manpower's Derrick Rangamar draws a foul on Jake's Catering's Jerald Rivera.



Jake's Catering's Aba Tagle hangs on to the ball as he is sandwiched by Island Manpower's Jun Tabora, right, and Angel Palacios.



Island Manpower's Jun Tabora unloads a short jumper against Jake's Catering's Jeff Garcia, left, and Aba Tagle.



Jake's Catering's White Capalad pulls up for an off-balance shot against Island Manpower's Derrick Rangamar, left, and Jerome Norita, partly hidden.



Island Manpower's Jerome Norita stops and pops up for a baseline jumper against Jake's Catering's Jerald Rivera and Ron Gamboa.



Island Manpower's Ferdie Tobias, second right, challenges the shot of Jake's Catering's Jerald Rivera.



Jake's Catering's White Capalad gets tangled with Island Manpower's Ferdie Tobias.



Jake's Catering's Manolo Manalo goes up for a point-blank shot against Island Manpower's Pete Lizama.



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Fiesta stuns unbeaten PIC for title

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Pacific Islands Club-Saipan's undefeated season came to a bitter end Tuesday night after No. 2 seed Fiesta Resort & Spa escaped with a 75-71 decision in the one-game finals of the 2015 Inter-Commercial Business Basketball League at the packed Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

It was a sorry loss for PIC after sweeping the nine games it played in the elimination round and then breezing past its playoffs foes, the last against Fiesta, 89-77, last week to clinch the first finals berth.

Fiesta, which also lost to PIC in the regular season, cruised to a 91-71 victory over Joeten Enterprises in their knockout semis match last week.

Fiesta appeared headed to

another easy victory after Lerio Pagarao's layup pushed their lead to 60-49 with 7:36 to go in the final period. Pagarao's basket brought their fans and their bench up on their feet.

But PIC won't go down quietly.

PIC gunner Jack Aranda punctuated his 7-point swing with a wide-open 3-point-er to cap a 17-7 exchange that

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JON PEREZ
Members of Fiesta Resort & Spa celebrate following their hard-earned win over the previously undefeated Pacific Islands Club in the 2015 Inter-Commercial Business Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CNMI drops opener in AFC regional

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Host China posted a lopsided 15-0 win over the CNMI U14 Girls National Team in the AFC U14 Girls Regional Championships (East) 2015 last Tuesday night at the National Football Training Centre in Beijing.

The CNMI bets gave up nine goals to China in the first half before improving their defense a bit in the second, allowing the host to only six goals. Midfield Zhang Linyan led China with her five goals, while fellow midfielder Ou Yiyao had a hat-trick. Team captain Qian Qian and forward Yanan contributed two goals each, while midfielders Shen

Mengyu and Yinghua and defender Xu Ting added one apiece.

Despite bowing to China by a big margin, CNMI team officials said their players should still hold their head high for doing their best in the opener.

"We encouraged and told the team that despite the loss we are proud to see their fighting spirit in the game against China," team manager Angie Ito said in a message posted on the squad's unofficial website.

The CNMI squad had Toremey Diaz as starting goalkeeper and she was joined on the starters list by team captain Lyka Sally, midfielders Jerlyn Castillo, Katrina Cos-

tales, and Gillian Villagomez, forwards Guinevere Borja and Angelica Sally, and defenders Princess Alcantara, Samantha Manacop, Erica Santiago, and Anela Duenas. Goalie Katherine

Magat, Grace Choi, Jasmine Phan, Jobelle Tabuena, and Franchesca Bucalig also played as substitutes.

"Although we lost the game against China yesterday (last Tuesday), the girls are up and ready for today's match (versus North Korea)," Ito added.

The Commonwealth youth players were scheduled to collide against North Korea yesterday at 5pm (7pm on Saipan). North Korea, another favored team in Group B, also posted a one-sided victory against Hong Kong, 10-0, last Tuesday.

After its game against North Korea, the CNMI squad closes out the pool play against Hong Kong today. Only the Top 2 teams

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI U14 National Girls Team and the squad's officials prepare for a training session in Beijing, China last Sunday.

Lopez, Rastguiy enter q'finals

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The CNMI's Mikayla Lopez continued to put on a strong showing in the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships, while Negahr Rastguiy fought back as doubles competition in the Junior ITF event kicked off yesterday.

Lopez, who stunned her seeded opponent in opening round of the singles event last Monday, also won her first match in the doubles, teaming up with Palau's Ayana Rengiil in surviving the third-ranked Hong Kong pair of Yuen Liu and Sabrina Woll, 4-6, 6-1, 10-8, at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Holding to a shaky 9-8 lead in the super tiebreaker, Lopez served for the match point, but was called for a service error in her first try. She made the adjustment in the second with the ball going in and received and returned by Woll. Rengiil then approached the net and went for a backhand slice with the ball dropping just a few inches inside the left service box and Liu coming in too late for a return.

"We talked before I served for the match point and our strategy was for Ayana to approach the net. It worked," said Lopez, as she and Rengiil also got several points using the same tactic in the second set to force the su-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Mikayla Lopez, right, approaches the net, while teammate Ayana Rengiil of Palau stays close during the second set of their doubles game against Hong Kong's Yuen Liu and Sabrina Woll in the 2015 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

per tiebreaker and bounce back from the opening set loss.

With the thrilling victory, Lopez and Rengiil marched into the quarterfinals against Japan's Funa Kozaki and Yuki Naito, who swept the pair of compatriot Chisato Hayakawa and Singapore's Maxine Ng, 6-3, 6-4

Also barging into the quarterfinals were Rastguiy and teammate Nicole Tan of Singapore. The duo needed a super tiebreaker, too, to soldier on and thwart Japan's Yuna Fukumuro and Haruka Hoshino, 6-3, 4-6, 10-3, in one of the upper bracket matches. Nicole Tan and Rastguiy will be paired in

the quarterfinals against another Japanese tandem in Sakura Hondo and Ayano Shimizu,

who eliminated the CNMI's Tania Tan and Isabel Heras after cruising to a 6-0, 6-0 victory yesterday at the American

Memorial Park tennis courts.

The other quarterfinal pairing at the top half of the draw will have Hong Kong's Kwan Wu Man and Japan's Makoto Ohara battling the Japanese team of Ayu Sugiyawa and Riho Yuasa. Man and Ohara eked out a 6-4, 6-4 upset win over the No. 1 seeded pair of Maria Dominique

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